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## LEA SERVICE AWARD

*Tracey Hoffrichter*

**For service to Lutheran education  
1992 – 2023**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Tracey Hoffrichter to Lutheran education for 30 years.

Tracey responded to her calling and commenced her service in 1992 when she was appointed Reception/Year One teacher at Crossways Lutheran School, Ceduna. From there she joined the Special Needs team, taking on programs including the Bridging the Gap and the Learning Assistance Program (LAP). Learning Support proved to be a major focus in most of Tracey's teaching career, as she was passionate in supporting students with special needs. Her knowledge of and expertise in this area was comprehensive and accomplished; she had the ability to empathize with students who struggled with academic, emotional and social needs. Tracey was committed to differentiated teaching to meet specific learning needs, and in facilitating full participation of students with disabilities.

During her tenure, Tracey served in other roles such as Librarian, Junior School Coordinator, Christian Studies Coordinator and, again, part-time classroom teacher. Tracey always saw her employment as a commitment to her calling, and exemplified Christ in action through her approach to her day-to-day duties.

In the classroom, Tracey developed a positive rapport with students, fostering a positive learning environment. She was able to support teaching staff and Learning Support Officers in their roles when needed.

For a number of years Tracey shared her passion for music as Junior School Music teacher, using the Orff Schulwerk activity-based program. Students learned to read music and play a variety of instruments, culminating in performances in front of an audience.

In her later years at Crossways, Tracey focused once more on Learning Support, facilitating tutoring programs, Independent Learning Programs, specialist visits, assessment, professional development, and supporting individual students and staff on call.

Tracey will be remembered by her colleagues for her caring support and willingness to go out of her way when needed. She will also be remembered by those students who were able to benefit from her intervention and expertise in time of need.

Tracey's faithful and conscientious service to her Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her service in Lutheran education, has been outstanding and is humbly recognized through this award.

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