

November 2021

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Gregory Houghton
**For service to Lutheran education
1987 – 2021**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Gregory Houghton to Lutheran education for 35 years.

Greg commenced his service in Lutheran education in 1987 when he was appointed literature teacher at Luther College, before moving into roles including Wicklow House Coordinator, English Faculty Coordinator, Head of Middle School, Director of Learning, Member of College Council and his current and long-standing roles as Deputy Principal and Director of Staff.

Indeed, it would be hard to identify a significant area of school life in which Greg hasn't been actively involved. He's helped perpetuate the school's foundation values and outstanding public reputation through direction setting, curriculum development, teaching and learning improvement, nurturing staff professional growth, culture and community building, and the oversight of staff wellbeing.

He did all this with an eye to honouring tradition and Luther's core values while helping find and implement contemporary expressions of those values with insight, wisdom and courage.

Greg's passion for literature was evident, giving a whole generation of students the opportunity to share his wonder, insight and joy for the subject. Greg has been described as a caring teacher, who guided students through challenging coursework, weaving extensive knowledge, scholarly thought and wisdom.

His generosity and dedication to students extended to staff in his role as Director of Staff, where his humble and quiet approach to supporting staff through the many and varied challenges of their private and professional lives was done with compassion and care.

The community is grateful that this expertise and level of inspiration was extended beyond the College and that Greg's influence rippled out into the wider community through his long-term commitment to the Victorian Association for the Teaching of English (VATE) and association with the Victorian Department of Education (DET) and the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA).

It will come as no surprise given this reach, and Greg's involvement in writing the VCE Literature and English Language Study Designs, that he was awarded a life membership from VATE and from the Council of Professional Teaching Associations of Victoria.

Greg leaves a significant legacy at Luther College, where his passion and energy, teaching, leadership, vision and relentless pursuit of progressing all that grew and honoured our students, our staff and our College will always be remembered and cherished.

Greg's faithful and conscientious service to his Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through his service in Lutheran education, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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