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LEA SERVICE AWARD

Robin Kanowski

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1984 – 2020**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Robin Kanowski to Lutheran education over a period of 37 years.

Robin Kanowski commenced her employment at Redeemer Lutheran College as a teacher of biology and junior science in 1984. She came to the profession with background as a scientist before training to be a teacher. Initially working part-time while her children were small, it was not long before Robin took up a full-time position and expanded her suite of teaching areas in 1990.

Described as a vibrant and hardworking educator with a heart for young people, Robin capably moved into the pastoral care domain. In 1988 she became the acting year 8 coordinator and from 2000 to 2005 she was the year 9 coordinator and leading teacher. Robin's calm and friendly manner along with her genuine interest in young people assisted in developing positive relationships with students, staff and parents.

With a passion for sport and a competitive edge, Robin took on the leadership of Wilson house and wore the Wilson purple with pride. Robin's leadership in pastoral care continued through to 2009, with opportunity during this time to take on the acting role of head of senior school.

After completing post graduate studies in special education, Robin capably led the learning enhancement department from 2010, continuing to go above and beyond for the benefit and growth of her students and the team of staff that assist in supporting them.

Robin readily played her part in the co-curricular life of the college, giving generously of her time especially in the role of basketball coach.

Robin has worked with all four leaders of the college, founding headmaster, Robin Kleinschmidt (1980 – 2001), head of college, Richard Hauser (2002 – 2008), college principal, David Radke (2009 – 2016) and the college's first female principal Tanya Crooks (2017 to present).

Robin's faithful and conscientious service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her service in Lutheran schools, has been excellent and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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