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LEA SERVICE AWARD

Leon Kroehn

**For service to Lutheran education
1983 – 2020**

The Lutheran Church of Australia gratefully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Leon Kroehn to Lutheran education spanning 37 years.

Leon commenced his teaching career after graduating from Sturt College of Advanced Education in 1975. After seven years in the public sector at Whyalla Town Primary, he commenced his long career in Lutheran Education at Maitland Lutheran Primary School in 1983. In 1987, Leon relocated to join Holy Trinity Lutheran Primary in Mildura.

A pivotal move to Wimmera in 1989 marked the beginning of a 20-year tenure in the region. Serving at Horsham Lutheran Primary School from 1989 to 2000, Leon honed his school leadership skills, culminating in a role as Assistant Principal. In 2001, he assumed the position of Principal/Teacher at Dimboola Lutheran Primary, dedicating nine years to the school. In this small community, Leon played a vital role, embracing both leadership responsibilities and classroom teaching while actively participating in the Lutheran congregation.

For his final career chapter, Leon ventured to Western Australia, initially joining Living Waters Lutheran College, Halls Head campus, in 2010 and later transferring to Warnbro campus in 2018.

Leon Kroehn is a proactive and dedicated teacher, establishing excellent rapport with students, families, and colleagues. Focused on nurturing the whole child, including the spiritual dimension, he shared his adventurous spirit with students and embraced innovative pedagogies for optimal outcomes. As a proactive and reflective educator, Leon mentored and advised numerous new teachers, contributing his wisdom to both peers and leadership.

Deeply involved in his school and church communities, Leon embodied the qualities of a true servant leader.

His outstanding and conscientious service to the Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through his extensive contributions to Lutheran education, is humbly acknowledged and celebrated through this award.

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