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LEA SERVICE AWARD

Línda Huckauff

For services to Lutheran schooling 1986 – 2018

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Linda Huckauff to Lutheran education over a period of 33 years.

Linda commenced her service in Lutheran schools in 1986 when he was appointed as the Receptionist at St Andrews Lutheran School, Darwin Northern Territory. She later moved to the Leanyer site when the new school was built. Linda worked with Mr Andrew Koch for the next two and a half years before moving with her family back to Adelaide in 1988. The position of Receptionist at Our Saviour Lutheran School, Aberfoyle Park, became available in 1989 and after being employed, remained at this school for the next thirty years. Here she had various roles but mainly served as Finance Officer for the Our Saviour school community. Linda's advice, her commitment to the dchool and her servant heart were appreciated and valued by the seven principals under which she has worked.

Linda's contribution to Lutheran schools also relates to her role as a representative of the Lutheran Schools Association (now LESNW) as the Primary School Bursar for ten years and also took on the role of Chair of the Finance Committee. She gained great respect for the leadership and thoughtful insights she made to both groups.

Linda's clear, analytical and strategic thinking, as well as her courage and determination, saw each school in which she served develop into a strong educational institution. Her ability to communicate ensured parents, staff and students all clearly understand the Christian nature of Lutheran education. Linda's own commitment to her Christian faith and her ability to show this through her decision making and daily relationships has been a shining example to many people.

Linda established a strong rapport with staff, students and parents. Her interpersonal skills with students, parents and the wider community was apparent every day. Her natural ability to treat all people with justice and consideration of their personal situations is to be admired. When working with the staff and families of the school, Linda has been honest, responsible and empathetic.

Linda will be remembered by her colleagues and the wider school community for her caring support. She was willing to take time out to discuss any issues of concern with staff and parents whenever needed. Linda epitomised true servant leadership and showed genuine interest and concern for the welfare of all within the school community.

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

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