

December 2023

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Anne Marschall

**For service to Lutheran education
1985 – 2023**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Anne Marschall to Lutheran education for 37 years.

Anne embarked on her journey in Lutheran schools in 1985, responding to a call to Murtoa Lutheran School where she assumed the role of Infant Teacher in a two-teacher school. Over the course of two years, Anne taught the Prep, Year One, and Year Two class, marking her first experience of Lutheran education. Her time at Murtoa left a lasting impact as she cherished the warm support from the school community and witnessed the Gospel in action on a daily basis. This introduction fuelled Anne's commitment to make teaching in Lutheran schools her lifelong vocation.

Returning to South Australia, Anne pursued further studies and joined the staff at St John's Lutheran School, Highgate, (now Concordia College Junior School) in 1988. During her tenure, Anne was appointed to the role of Junior Primary Coordinator, concurrently pursuing a Master of Education. Actively involved in curriculum reviews and leading staff in professional development, she demonstrated a dedication to educational excellence.

In 1998, Anne joined the staff at Our Saviour Lutheran School, Aberfoyle Park, where she served until December 2012. Progressing through various roles, including Junior Primary Coordinator, Special Education Coordinator, and later Assistant Principal, Anne engaged in leadership development and served as Acting Principal in 2006. A graduate of the LEA Millennial Principals' Project in 2003, Anne contributed significantly to the school's growth and development.

In 2013, Anne assumed the role of Principal at Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Angaston, becoming the longest-serving principal over eleven years. Describing it as one of the most wonderful seasons of her life, Anne led strategic initiatives focusing on whole-school wellbeing, the establishment of a sensory room, the creation of EDEN (Good Shepherd's nature play and learning space), and four significant building projects that transformed the school into a contemporary and beautiful learning environment.

Beyond teaching and leadership, Anne actively supported Lutheran Education more widely. She served on the editorial committee for School Link, collaborated with the LSA on curriculum support material development, and represented the LSA as the Lutheran Schools representative on the University of South Australia's Educational Advisory Committee for Early Childhood.

Anne's legacy is characterized by her strong spiritual leadership, compassionate support for students, staff and parents, and her unwavering passion for Lutheran Education.

Anne'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 recognised through this award.

**Assoc Prof Lisa Schmidt
Executive Director
Lutheran Education Australia**

ACN 143 905 373

197 Archer Street
North Adelaide SA 5006
T 61 8 8267 7318
F 61 8 8267 7320
E lea@lutheran.edu.au
www.lutheran.edu.au