

July 2023

## LEA SERVICE AWARD

*Royce Obst*

**For service to Lutheran education  
2001 – 2023**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Royce Obst to Lutheran education for 22 years.

Royce commenced his service to the College Foundation in 2001 in the role of Food and Beverage Coordinator with the Foundation. He also had strong ties to the community as a parent, with sons Dion, who worked as a fixed term contract teacher at Trinity during 2016, and Corey, who is an ex-Trinity student (Class of 2006). Royce's wife, Virginia, has also served the college community in various support roles from 2014.

Throughout his 22 years of service to the college, Royce has demonstrated a true Christian heart through his dedication, kindness, and faithfulness. In his official duties, Royce touched the lives of everyone in the community: academic and support staff, students, and the broader college family.

He was an exceptional steward of the college resources providing the community with beautifully prepared, organised and presented catering, often at times beyond regular college hours. He was always humble when being acknowledged for his service.

Over many years, Royce has been integral to the smooth running and hospitable environment of major and minor college events including welcomes, graduations, council dinners, professional development, information and community events, and service learning. His eye for detail regarding safety and care for people's individual needs are testament to the man he is, a well-loved and considerate member of Team Trinity.

Royce also supported the staff and students in the food technology department where he worked as a teacher assistant, assisting in the classroom, setting up ingredients for all cooking lessons and helping with students if needed.

Above and beyond the service he provided in his official capacity, Royce has been the life of any gathering, sharing his joy and gentle kindness every day.

Royce's faithful and conscientious service to our 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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