

December 2020

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Rex Paschke

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1993 - 2020**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Rex Paschke to Lutheran schools for 26 years.

Rex Paschke began as a teacher at the St John's Lutheran Primary School (now known as the St John's Campus) in 1993. He then commenced his role on the Concordia Campus as a Teacher in February 2005, leading the year 7 team as year 7 team leader. In 2006 he taught physical education and year 8 technology studies. Rex then held casual teaching positions until 2008 when he was appointed as the part-time workshop technician, a position he has held until this year.

Rex was integral in the relocation of year 7 students from St John's Lutheran Primary School to Concordia College, as he had both the experience of teaching at this level as well as the confidence of the parents. The success of the year 7 program is, in no small part, attributed to Rex. Rex was involved in assisting the transition for students and participated in many activities to ensure that the program was a success.

Rex has been a steadfast and valuable member of the design, technology and engineering team. He has assisted in reorganising, labelling and upgrading tools and materials to support student learning and teacher preparation. His knowledge and skills have benefited everyone. His genuine service heart and gentle manner has been reflected in his willingness to work as part of the team and to support everyone in their role. He has shared his knowledge and skills with students and enhanced their experience.

In addition to this, Rex also held acting principal positions at the St John's Lutheran Primary School and held positions in learning support. Rex actively contributed to volleyball, pedal prix and year level camps. He particularly enjoyed mentoring young students and being part of the Concordia College community which he found exceptionally caring and considerate.

During his time at Concordia, Rex has displayed the abilities and qualities needed to perform varied and complex roles. He willingly and generously gave service to the college and will be missed.

Rex's faithful and conscientious service to 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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