

December 2022

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Tony Shillitoe

**For service to Lutheran education
2000 - 2022**

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

Tony commenced his role as Head of English at Concordia College in February 2000 after 22 years of service in the Education Department. During his time with the Department, he held substantive and acting lead roles as English Senior and Coordinator, Humanities Senior, Year 12 Coordinator, Japanese Coordinator, School Counsellor and he taught English, History, Drama, Society and Environment, and PE. He also lectured part-time at Flinders University and Adelaide TAFE, was a council member of the English Curriculum Committee, South Australian English Teachers Association and a branch and regional representative of the Australian Education Union.

Tony led the Concordia English Faculty from 2000 to 2005, with a brief term as Acting Director of Studies in 2003. From 2005 to 2010, Tony was the Middle School Curriculum Coordinator. During this time, he worked extensively with the International Baccalaureate Asia Pacific organisation by running workshops for teachers and visiting interested and candidate schools throughout South-East Asia. This included playing a support role as a course writer and casual lecturer in the establishment of post-graduate courses at Flinders University in 2008 and being on working parties for rewriting the MYP curriculum in 2008 and 2012.

In 2010, Tony spent a term as Acting Head of Middle School, before he was appointed as the ICT Manager in July 2010, a role he held until 2018, when he became the Director of Digital Resources working with ELC – 12 staff.

Tony has been instrumental in the expansion of Digital Technologies through the College. He led the shift to one-to-one devices for students and the implementation of learning management systems, and he has encouraged and supported staff to embrace the digital revolution in education.

Never afraid to take on challenges, a passionate believer in young people, an educational disrupter at heart who believes there is always potentially a better way to engage students in learning, Tony believes teachers, and those who support teachers, create the future and the possibility of a better world.

Tony embodies the College motto in all his interactions with staff, parents and students and has acted as role model and mentor for many current College leaders. He has a gentle and reassuring nature and is never 'too busy' to have a conversation with someone. He takes the time to get to know every staff member and has developed strong relationships with students. He is a passionate educator and author.

We thank Tony for his significant contribution to Lutheran education and Concordia College, and we wish him God's blessings and wonderful experiences in his transition to a full-time writing career.

Tony'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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