

March 2021

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Chris Surridge

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1986 – 2021**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Chris Surridge to Lutheran education for over 35 years.

Chris commenced in Lutheran education as a teacher at St Peter's Lutheran Primary School Dimboola in 1986. He then served at Holy Trinity Lutheran College Horsham in 1991 before taking on the role of principal at Tarrington Lutheran School from 1995 to 1998. Chris returned to Holy Trinity in 1999 as a teacher and also served one year as principal in 2011.

Chris has been a sincere, passionate and dedicated Lutheran educator. These qualities have underpinned his teaching and professional relationships with students, staff and families.

He is a humble individual who always puts others first. He has continuously been willing to take time to discuss any issues of concern with staff or students. His genuine care for young people and his compassion and willingness to develop strong working relationships with both his students and colleagues have meant that he has been a highly respected teacher.

Chris has remained focused on his students and has taught, mentored, supported, encouraged and inspired many. Chris will be a truly missed member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran College community.

Chris' 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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