

November 2020

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

*Bradley Teakle*

**For services to Lutheran schooling  
1999-2020**

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

Brad Teakle has been an exemplary staff member of Googa Outdoor Education and Retreat Centre for 22 years, serving as its director for the last twelve. First and foremost, his service has been to his Lord and Saviour, and his fine Christian leadership has been demonstrated consistently through his conduct, work and witness.

Brad's personal Christian faith has been evident in his regular leadership of worship and devotions for staff, students and parents; and being committed to ensuring Christian values were embedded in policies and lived out in practice in the Googa community. He has overseen the development of the beautiful outdoor chapel and other spaces for communal worship and meditation and ensured staff and students were given time for their personal reflective practices.

Brad has maintained excellent relationships with all stakeholders in the community and developed policies to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students. He has engaged with restorative practices and collaborated effectively with parents, schools and specialists.

Even in challenging situations, Brad has been a trusted and effective staff manager. It is a testimony to his leadership that there are so many long-serving staff members at Googa.

Brad has responsibly managed the finances of Googa, working hard to maintain the property and develop new facilities within the budget. A particular achievement in recent years has been the acquisition and establishment of the buildings from Ballon on the Googa Ridge site.

Brad has been true to the principles of the Googa mission. The hundreds of students, staff and parents who have been blessed by his leadership of Googa join together in thanking Brad for his positive contribution to their lives and his outstanding service to Lutheran education.

Bradley'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.

**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](mailto:lea@lutheran.edu.au)  
[www.lutheran.edu.au](http://www.lutheran.edu.au)