

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

*Andrew Thiele*

**For service to Lutheran education  
1982 – 2021**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Andrew Thiele to Lutheran education for 39 years.

Andrew commenced his service in Lutheran schools in 1982 at St Johns Lutheran School Eudunda, South Australia. He served that community until the end of 1985 and was a passionate and dedicated early career teacher.

Andrew then commenced his service at Calvary Lutheran Primary School in Morphett Vale, South Australia, where he has served continuously to this day.

Andrew has been instrumental in developing and nurturing the strong Christian Studies focus and program at Calvary and his willingness to share his faith with colleagues and students has been a true blessing to the school and wider community. Andrew used his gift of music to share God's word through song and music with students and was instrumental in encouraging many students to pursue music during their primary school years.

Andrew's tireless commitment to the Calvary community has resulted in a legacy of students and families who have come to know Christ as their personal friend and Saviour as a result of his quiet and faithful witness.

Andrew has served with dedication and passion as a primary teacher, particularly in the middle and upper primary years. His demonstrated commitment to supporting all learners to be their best has been a blessing to our learning community.

He has also ensured that his classroom is a vibrant, rich and safe place for all students and a place that is welcoming and inviting for all in his class and community.

Andrew's willingness to work with staff across all levels is admirable. He gives of his time freely and willingly, always focusing on striving for personal and professional excellence.

Andrew's contributions to the wider community range from working bees, fetes, concerts, worship and many other community events. At all times Andrew served diligently and joyfully with the wellbeing of the Calvary community at the centre of his actions.

Andrew is a committed Christian who actively lives out his faith every day. His cheerful smile, quiet nature and readiness to offer a word of encouragement has been a blessing to the Calvary community.

There is no doubt that the Calvary community is the richer for its long association with Andrew.

Andrew's faithful and conscientious service to our Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through his service in Lutheran schools, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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