

June 2021

## LEA SERVICE AWARD

*Adrian Wiles*

**For services to Lutheran schooling  
1990 – 2021**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Adrian Wiles to Lutheran education for over 30 years.

Adrian commenced his service in Lutheran Education in 1990 when he was appointed as Principal of Good Shepherd College, Hamilton Vic, which marked the beginning of his exemplary career as a leader at some of the country's largest Lutheran schools. Adrian's wealth of experience was developed and shared through his service as Principal at Immanuel Lutheran College Buderim, Queensland; Luther College, Croydon, Victoria; St Peters Lutheran College Indooroopilly, Queensland; and at Concordia Lutheran College, Toowoomba Queensland.

Adrian has ably led the Concordia community through the COVID-19 pandemic with a calm, steady hand. His outstanding leadership during this difficult time resulted in Concordia successfully navigating the challenges and continuing to grow and move forward in uncertain times.

Throughout his time as Principal at Concordia, Adrian has always kept his foot in the classroom through teaching and is always a favourite and beloved teacher of the students. Adrian has often been seen strumming the guitar at Chapel or visiting the Kindy students at Bush Kindy. Adrian is also known for his approachable personality. He is always ready for a chat or a joke with students, staff and parents. His authentic character shines through in all that he does along with his unwavering faith that God is in control leading the school community through every challenge and celebrating every victory.

Throughout his career, Adrian has both chaired and been a member of many professional organisations across Australia, including as board member of the Independent Schools Queensland and Chair of ISQ Education Advisory Committee, Chair of the Association of Independent Colleges, and as a member of the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority's Senior Review Steering Committee.

Adrian also served with Lutheran Education Australia as its Assistant Director – National Policy, and the inaugural Executive Officer of Lutheran Principals Australia. In those roles, Adrian excelled as a communicator, working to share information and offer advice to regional directors and principals regarding national initiatives, which included the development of the Australian Curriculum.

Adrian has been a rich blessing to the Concordia community through his compassionate service leadership and outstanding strategic vision to create dynamic and engaging educational opportunities for students. His expertise has guided the creation of the Strategic Plan for the College to secure the future success of Concordia. Adrian has also championed the start of the Master Planning for the College to ensure Concordia has the best to offer students now and beyond. Adrian will be missed tremendously by Concordia Lutheran College.

Adrian is recognised for his significant and sustained contribution to Australian education generally, and to Lutheran education specifically. His authentic leadership, commitment and Christian service has been remarkable. Adrian's faithful and conscientious service to his Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through his service in Lutheran education, has been excellent and is humbly recognised through this Award.

**Assoc Prof Lisa Schmidt**  
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