

## DOCTRINAL STATEMENTS AND THEOLOGICAL OPINIONS (DSTO)

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# The teacher in the Lutheran school

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1. The Lutheran school is an agency of the Lutheran Church of Australia through which the church seeks to carry out its ministry and mission to the people of Australia.
2. The specific ministry and mission of the Lutheran school is to provide quality formal education in which the word of God informs all learning, teaching, and other activities. In this environment, forgiveness and grace govern the relationships of the members of the school community.
3. In order to fulfil this ministry and mission, teachers in the Lutheran school will not only be qualified and competent educators. They will also
  - be committed to the Christian faith as confessed by the Lutheran church
  - be willing to identify with, uphold and promote the Lutheran ethos of the school
  - exemplify and model the Christian lifestyle in and beyond the school.
4. The church will determine from time to time what particular qualifications it requires of teachers to equip them for the ministry and mission of the church in Lutheran schools. The church encourages local school authorities to *commission* teachers who are appointed to serve in a Lutheran school. Every appointed teacher who continues to meet the requirements determined by the church will be an Accredited or Provisionally Accredited Teacher in the service of the church.