

There are many agencies of the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA). Schools and early childhood services are encouraged to develop strategic and mission-oriented partnerships with these agencies, where partnerships serve the interests of the learning community.

Lutheran agencies offer more than programmatic support; they provide opportunities for schools to deepen identity, formation and mission through relationship. Strategic partnerships work best when boards and principals ask *why* an agency connection matters for their context, *how* it aligns with learning and culture, and *what* it invites students, staff and the wider community to notice about faith lived out. Not every partnership needs to be pursued at once; intentional, strategic and well-chosen engagement can have a lasting impact.

## **Australian Lutheran College**

[Australian Lutheran College \(ALC\)](#) is the LCA's tertiary institution. It exists first and foremost to serve the ministry and mission of the LCA by training its pastors, teachers and lay workers. It also engages in research, and provides theological advice to the LCA.

Why this partnership matters: ALC supports the theological depth, vocational imagination and Lutheran identity that underpin teaching, leadership and governance in Lutheran schools.

Operationally, ways schools might partner include:

- invite ALC staff or students to contribute to chapel or formation days;
- support staff and board members to access theological study or short courses;
- create pathways for students exploring ministry or teaching vocations; and
- draw on ALC expertise for reflection on Lutheran identity or leadership.

## **Australian Lutheran World Service**

[Australian Lutheran World Service \(ALWS\)](#) is the overseas aid and development agency of the LCA. It invites the Lutheran community to reach out to people hurt by poverty, injustice and crisis.

Why this partnership matters: ALWS connects faith, justice and learning by helping students and communities engage meaningfully with global need.

Operationally, ways schools might partner include:

- integrate ALWS projects into Christian Studies or service learning;
- participate in national fundraising or awareness campaigns;
- host ALWS speakers to explore global mission and justice; and
- use ALWS stories to connect faith with action.

## **Lutheran Aged Care and Community Services**

[Lutheran Aged Care and Community Services](#) supports and encourages aged care, retirement living and community services. It has a network of providers in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria.

Why this partnership matters: Partnerships with Lutheran Aged Care and Community Services foster intergenerational connection and model compassion, dignity and service.

Operationally, ways schools might partner include:

- develop intergenerational visits or shared activities;
- offer service learning experiences focused on care and empathy;
- collaborate on local community support initiatives; and
- explore vocation and careers in care-related fields.

## **Lutheran Media**

[Lutheran Media](#) endeavours to create a world where every individual finds hope, comfort and purpose through various content platforms.

Why this partnership matters: Lutheran Media helps schools explore faith, hope and purpose through storytelling, creativity and contemporary communication.

Operationally, ways schools might partner include:

- use Lutheran Media content in chapel or learning programs;
- engage students in faith-based storytelling or media projects;
- invite staff to speak about digital ministry or creative vocations; and
- collaborate on media initiatives shaped by a Lutheran lens.