



AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

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Dear ALC supporter

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 NIV

Retired tennis star, Ash Barty is an inspiration. Her skill, intense focus and healthy attitude provide examples that so many of us would love to follow in our own lives. When asked about her success Ash draws attention away from herself and directs it towards the many people in her life. Ash credits the **encouragement** of those other people as a huge reason for her own success.

Thomas Krahling is an ALC student who is training to serve as an LCANZ Pastor. He recently said in an article for the April edition of *The Lutheran*, 'Over the years I've had an interest in being a Pastor. I'd had encouragement from many people, but the moment that really confirmed my inner calling, was just that last person who said, 'You know Tom, I think you should become a Pastor'. Encouragement made a difference to Thomas Krahling. His story is not unique. The desire to learn more about God's word, together with **your encouragement**, is what brings students to ALC.

God encourages us by acting in love towards us in ways that offer us far more than personal success. God's encouragement is our 'good hope'. It is a hope that is complete through Jesus Christ alone and that gives us confidence to be encouragers in word and action. Encouraging each other, even in the face of difficulty, is one of the things that God invites us to do to build each other up (Hebrews 10:23-25). Let's not become weary in offering that encouragement.

Encouragement makes a difference for all ALC's students and staff. Your words and actions matter to us. Your encouragement gives us hope, even in hardship, as we serve God's mission as students, teachers and support staff.

ALC's appeal is far more than a request only for your financial support. We appeal for your encouragement:

- **Which identifies and sends students, just like Tom, to study with us.**
The LCANZ needs faithful and well-prepared pastors, teachers and other church workers as much as ever. Will you have those encouraging conversations, when you can, with people in your local setting?
- As you pray for us, commending us to God's loving goodness. Will you pray for the work that we do on your behalf?
- As you make a financial donation to provide for our material needs. Will you contribute to our annual appeal?



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ALC also encourages you:

- To keep your eyes fixed on Jesus in your own diverse contexts (Hebrews 12:2).
- To consider God's call in your own life. (Psalm 25:4).
- To persevere in your own witness and service as ALC trains pastors, teachers and other church workers to serve with you (John 9:4).

As we follow Jesus, we care for each other through our encouraging words and actions.

Your help and encouragement are vital to the continuing success of ALC and the Church it serves. **Through this year's appeal, the College hopes to raise enough funds to cover a \$225,000 reduction in its LCANZ funding** (the level of LCANZ funding allocated for this year is the same as that received in 2011). With costs escalating, now more than ever, we are dependent on your generosity to keep ALC operational.

Every donation makes a difference and no matter how large or small, is received with joy and gratitude. We thank God for you, your ongoing encouragement and your support of our annual appeal.

God bless you.

Pastor James Winderlich
Principal

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