

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
Entry ID: AWE0313

Derham, Frances

(1894 - 1987)

Born 18941115, Malvern Victoria Australia

Died 19871109, Kew Victoria Australia

Occupation Art teacher, Artist

Summary

Frances Derham was born in Melbourne in 1894 and married Alfred Derham. As a trained artist and qualified art teacher, she taught and lectured for over sixty years and had a profound influence on early childhood art in Australia. After teaching at Preshil in Kew, Frances Derham tutored at the Kindergarten Training College. She was closely involved with Christine Heineg in the establishment of the Lady Gowrie Child Centres in 1939. A former President of the Art Teachers' Association of Victoria, Vice-President and founding member of the Australian Society for Education through the Arts, Derham died in 1987.

Details

Represented in the following collections:

National Gallery of Australia

<https://searchthecollection.nga.gov.au/artist/15499/frances-derham?irn=15499>

National Gallery of Victoria

<https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/explore/collection/artist/2831/>

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

The University of Melbourne Archives

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