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Brewer, Ilma Mary

(1915 - 2006)

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| Born | 1 January, 1915, North Sydney New South Wales Australia |
| Died | 31 December, 2006 |
| Occupation | Academic, Botanist, Educator |

Summary

Ilma Mary Brewer studied and later taught botany at the University of Sydney. She developed new methods of teaching based on the principle that a student learnt more by working at their own pace and through self-instruction. She outlined her methods in *Learning more and teaching less: a decade of innovation in self-instruction and small group learning*, published in 1985.

As well as working in academia, Brewer also spent time working for the Australian military and in private industry in the United States.

She attended North Sydney Girls' High School before enrolling at the University of Sydney in the 1930s.

Published resources

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Resource Section
Brewer, Ilma Mary (1915 - 2006), McCarthy, G. J.,
<http://www.asap.unimelb.edu.au/bsparcs/biogs/P000256b.htm>

Book
Learning more and teaching less: a decade of innovation in self-instruction and small group learning, Brewer, Ilma Mary, 1985

Archival resources

University of Sydney, Archives
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