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West, Winifred May

(1881 - 1971)

Born	18811221, Frensham Surrey England
Died	19710926, Bowral New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Artist, Headmistress

Summary

Winifred West arrived in Sydney in 1907 and took up work as an illustrator for the Australian Museum. In 1913 she founded the Frensham boarding school for girls at Mittagong, 120km out of Sydney. She remained there as headmistress until 1938. West built up a solid reputation based upon the philosophy of Frensham with its experimental curriculum and emphasis on the arts and physical education. She was a great inspiration to many of her students.

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