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Ascham School

(1886 -)

Born 1 January, 1886, Sydney New South Wales Australia

Occupation Educational institution

Summary

Located in the eastern suburbs of Sydney, Ascham School is one of the oldest private girls' schools in Australia.

The school was founded by Marie Wallis in 1886 with nine pupils in a Darling Point terrace. She named the school after Roger Ascham, tutor to England's Queen Elizabeth I.

Ascham's teaching is influenced by the Dalton Plan, a philosophy of learning which emphasises self-responsibility and independence. Developed in the United States of America, the Dalton Plan was introduced to Ascham by its longest serving headmistress, Margaret Bailey, in 1922.

Former pupils of Ascham include Linda Littlejohn and Virginia Clare Walker.

Published resources

Book

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Resource

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Archival resources

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