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Jordan, Deirdre Frances

(1926 - 2026)

Born	19260918, Loxton South Australia Australia
Died	20260110, Adelaide South Australia Australia
Occupation	Academic, Educator

Summary

Sister Deirdre Jordan was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) on 26 January 1989. She became a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) on 1 January 1969 for services to education. The daughter of Clement and Helana (née Roberts) Jordan, Sister Deirdre Jordan was a member of the Religious Sisters of Mercy. In March 2002 she retired as Chancellor of Flinders University South Australia. Her association with Flinders University commenced in 1981 as Pro-Chancellor. A senior lecturer at Adelaide University from 1968 to 1988, Sister Jordan lectured in the field of sociology of education. She undertook study tours of Tanzania (1975), China (1976 and 1979), South America (1977 and 1980) to investigate bases for decision-making in structure of curriculum and education administration in developing countries.

Events

1969 - 1969
Appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (Civil)

1989 - 1989
Appointed Companion of the Order of Australia (AC)

1987 - 1991
Board Member of the South Australian Institute of Catholic Teacher Education

1994 - 1994
Chair Board of Governors at Merecedes College

1970 - 1973
Chairman of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies of Music

1982 - 1984
Chairman of the Department of Education at the University of Adelaide

1988 - 2002
Chancellor at Flinders University (South Australia)

1977 - 1980
Commissioner of the Tertiary Education Authority (South Australia)

1973 - 1982
Deputy Chairman of the Department of Education at the University of Adelaide

1965 -
Foundation Member of the Flinders University Council

1954 - 1968
Headmistress at St Aloysius College (South Australia)

1993 - 1993
Member of the Board of Trustees at St Francis Xavier Seminary

1954 - 1968
Member of the Independent Schools Headmistresses Association

1992 - 1992
Patron of the Notre Dame Institute of Education, Karachi Pakistan

1980 - 1988
Pro-Chancellor at Flinders University (South Australia)

1968 - 1988
Senior Lector at the University of Adelaide (South Australia)

Published resources

Edited Book
Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

Site Exhibition
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http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html

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