

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Organisation

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## Abbotsleigh

(1885 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1885, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Educational institution

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### Summary

Abbotsleigh was founded by an English woman, Marian Clarke, in 1885. An Anglican school for girls, it was first located in a terrace in North Sydney. The school then moved to Parramatta in 1888, and finally to its current premises in Wahroonga.

Abbotsleigh was one of the first girls' school to have a sports field, which was opened in October 1901.

### Details

The following women have been associated with Abbotsleigh School.

Headmistresses have included:

1885-1913: Marian Clarke

1913-1924: Margaret Murray

1924-1930: Dorothea Poole

1931-1954: Gladys Gordon Everett

1954-1957: Ruth Hirst

1958-1970: H .E. (Betty) Archdale

1970-1987: Kathleen McCredie

1988-1995: Diane Nicholls

1996-2004: Judith Wheeldon

2006-current: Judith Poole

Past students have included:

Una Parry Boyce AM, OBE

Margaret Enid (Peg) Christian, OAM.

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

Clarke, Marian (1853-1933), Claydon, Robyn, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A080016b.htm>

#### Book

Abbotsleigh, a walk through time, Claydon, Robin, 1984

The lily and the lion: a history of Abbotsleigh, Emilsen, Susan, 2000

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

**State Library of New South Wales**

[Collection of pamphlets on education and schools]

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