

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Fidler, Mabel Maude

(1871 - 1960)

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**Born** 2 March, 1871, Wollongong New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 25 February, 1960, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Headmistress

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### Summary

Mabel Maude Fidler was the founder of Ravenswood School for Girls.

Mabel Fidler and her sister, Isabel Margaret Fidler, attended Emily Baxter's Argyle School in Surry Hills and both were winners of the prestigious Fairfax Prize.

Fidler worked as a governess for several years before opening her own school in 1901. The classes took place in a schoolroom erected on the block adjacent to her home, 'Ravenswood', in Gordon, Sydney. It was a non-sectarian private day school for girls.

Fidler sold the school to the Methodist Church in 1924, by which point it had 180 pupils. She retired as Headmistress the following year but continued on as the President of the Old Girls' Union (ROGU) until 1938. One of her last 'official' appearances was at the Jubilee Celebrations of ROGU in 1958 at which the new Mabel Fidler Library was opened.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Ravenswood School for Girls, 'Our Heritage', Ravenswood School, 2008,  
<http://www.ravenswood.nsw.edu.au/Our-Heritage/Ravenswood-Our-Heritage.aspx>

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#### Resource Section

Fidler, Isabel Margaret (1869-1952), Jacobs, Marjorie, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A080519b.htm>

#### Book

Ravenswood: educating girls 1901-2001, Binns, Marjorie, 2001

### Archival resources

#### Ravenswood School for Girls

[Archives of Ravenswood School for Girls](#)

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