

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Fewings, Eliza Ann

(1857 - 1940)

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<b>Born</b>	28 December, 1857, Bristol Gloucestershire United Kingdom
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<b>Died</b>	11 October, 1940, Bristol Gloucestershire United Kingdom
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<b>Occupation</b>	Headmistress, Teacher
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### Summary

Eliza Fewings was appointed Headmistress of the Brisbane Girls' Grammar School in 1896. Her dismissal from the position in 1899 after accusations of incompetence by the second mistress, Maud Sellers, led to a great deal of public protest. Fewings opened her own school, the Brisbane State High School for Girls (Somerville House), in October 1899. By 1903 it was the largest girls' school in Queensland.

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

200 Australian Women: A Redress Anthology, Radi, Heather, 1988

History of Somerville House (The Brisbane High School for Girls) 1899-1949, Freeman, Phyllis G., 1949

#### Resource

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#### Resource Section

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