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Jordan, Deirdre Frances

(1926 - )

Born	18 September, 1926, Loxton 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 is 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

### **1973 - 1982**

Deputy Chairman of the Department of Education at the University of Adelaide

### **1992 - 1992**

Patron of the Notre Dame Institute of Education, Karachi Pakistan

### **1954 - 1968**

Member of the Independent Schools Headmistresses Association

### **1989 - 1989**

Appointed Companion of the Order of Australia (AC)

### **1969 - 1969**

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

### **1988 - 2002**

Chancellor at Flinders University (South Australia)

### **1980 - 1988**

Pro-Chancellor at Flinders University (South Australia)

### **1968 - 1988**

Senior Lector at the University of Adelaide (South Australia)

### **1954 - 1968**

Headmistress at St Aloysius College (South Australia)

### **1994 - 1994**

Chair Board of Governors at Mercedes College

### **1993 - 1993**

Member of the Board of Trustees at St Francis Xavier Seminary

### **1987 - 1991**

Board Member of the South Australian Institute of Catholic Teacher Education

### **1965 -**

Foundation Member of the Flinders University Council

### **1982 - 1984**

Chairman of the Department of Education at the University of Adelaide

### **1977 - 1980**

Commissioner of the Tertiary Education Authority (South Australia)

### **1970 - 1973**

Chairman of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies of Music

## Published resources

### **Edited Book**

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

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

### **Site Exhibition**

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

### **Resource**

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

### **State Library of South Australia**

Interview with Deirdre F. Jordan [sound recording] Interviewer: Helen Chryssides

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