SDN Aunts Fry Gift Scholarship 2017

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Mildred Muscio OBE (née Fry) was one of the first female graduates of the University of Sydney in 1901. She was the President of the National Council of Women NSW in 1927–38 and Federal President of the Council from 1927–31. She was awarded an OBE in 1938. Her niece Joan Fry was Principal of the Nursery School Teachers’ College (NSTC) at Newtown in Sydney. Miss Fry was one of the early graduates of the Nursery School teacher training program, and was appointed Director at SDN’s centre at Woolloomooloo in 1944. In 1946, Miss Fry was awarded the first Thyne Reid Travelling Scholarship, which took her to London to study Child Development. Miss Fry returned in November 1947 to lecture at the NSTC, later becoming Principal of the College until her departure in 1973.

Joan Fry worked tirelessly to raise the profile of the NSTC and SDN, through her involvement with the Australian Preschools Association, and her advocacy and political skills undoubtedly influenced the Commonwealth funding of preschool teacher education.