



Ann Gluckman (Klippel)



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Ann Gluckman attended Epsom Girls Grammar School during the second world war. She was Dux and Head Girl. At 17, Ann's ambition was to do a science degree majoring in botany and geology, however Ann got married at the end of her second year at university and was 32 years old before she continued her degree. Ann decided to study Geography and after five years she graduated with a BSc and a MSc.

Ann's first teaching job was as a geography and social studies teacher at EGGS. Ann was later appointed as a senior mistress at Seddon College (now called Western Springs). Ann was approached by the Education Department to apply for the position of Principal at Mangere Number two High School. This was a significant appointment as she was the first woman in New Zealand to be appointed Principal of a State Co-Educational secondary school.

Ann's proudest achievement is helping a number of extremely competent teachers realise that taking positions in lower decile schools may be challenging, but in terms of results very rewarding.