



### **Dr Marian de Souza**

Dr Marian de Souza spent over forty years in Catholic Education. She spent twenty years teaching music, drama and English in secondary schools followed by the next twenty years at Australian Catholic University, teaching in Religious Education and Educational Foundations and supervising doctoral students. Marian has published extensively on her research into the contemporary understandings of spirituality with implications for the education and wellbeing of children and young people. She has also examined non-conscious learning as a factor that can promote or impede spirituality in terms of the connectedness a person feels to others which is an important consideration in a global, plural world where inclusivity and social cohesion are desirable factors. Marian was Chair of The International Association for Children's Spirituality (IACS) from 2009 -2016 and is currently serving as Chair of the Program Committee for the International Seminar on Religious Education and Values (ISREV). She is an Honorary Associate Professor at Federation University and Honorary Chief Adviser, Centre for Religious and Spiritual Education, Hong Kong Institute of Education.



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