

# Diane Cilento

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I had a place in England and was commuting from England to Australia, which is pretty stupid, but after two years I sort of knew what I wanted to do, more or less.

~Diane Cilento

You never came home for lunch: you just stayed doing, playing, having fun, surfing, running round.

~Diane Cilento

I was often very, incredibly naughty, and if I didn't come home at tea time I used to be sent to bed without any dinner. But people used to bring me things: I was better fed in bed.

~Diane Cilento

When I did *Taming of the Shrew*, I was very tired, and I decided to have a holiday and make a documentary.

~Diane Cilento

If there was a distraction I'd get up and jump out the window. I was quite out of hand. In schools like that I don't think they expect that girls are going to behave in such an outrageous fashion.

~Diane Cilento

I learnt the theory of movement, which I still teach sometimes. I was very, very ambitious to learn a skill.

~Diane Cilento

I sort of was good at writing essays. I was never very good at mathematics, and I was never very good at algebra. I loved science, but I wasn't sure of it.

~Diane Cilento

I got through my teen years by being a bit of a clown.

~Diane Cilento

Wherever the wings of love take me, that is my flare path and my way.

~Diane Cilento

Blank House was exactly a nice empty sheet where nothing was accountable because you were so naughty that you were in Blank House.

~Diane Cilento

Suddenly I had a contract and I was earning lots of money.

~Diane Cilento

Once, the parental bed collapsed because all the children sat on it at once.

~Diane Cilento

I had a quick ear and could pick up languages.

~Diane Cilento

The best part of learning any profession, when you're really going through those huge stretching escalated times of learning and energy, is when you want to do it so much.

~Diane Cilento

Both my parents were doctors, and my mother had her surgery in the house. There were six children.

~Diane Cilento

My father said, If you want to do acting, you have to be successful, which is a silly thing to say.

~Diane Cilento

I was a hard worker, and I always knew my lines.

~Diane Cilento

It was a very odd household, because the grandmothers were so different. Both of them had their own pianos. So it would be duelling pianos by grandmothers.

~Diane Cilento

Very quickly, without really looking back or trying, I was just suddenly lifted into another sphere.

~Diane Cilento

My mother felt it was time that I had some parental control, so I went off to America and went to New York.

~Diane Cilento

Any woman who marries an Italian must accept the undeniable fact that she has also married his mother.

~Diane Cilento

I don't think in my family anyone looked after anyone. It didn't matter how old they were.

~Diane Cilento

I never used to sleep much. I think we all go through a bit of a time like that where we rage about. If we don't, I don't think you've ever really lived.

~Diane Cilento

I didn't know what to do with myself. I wasn't excited by the teaching of the school. If they'd been intent on really teaching you things, I would have been a little more attentive.

~Diane Cilento

At boarding school you had to wear your name across your chest and your back, and obviously I had a pretty funny name. It wasn't Brown or Smith or Hughes.

~Diane Cilento

If you've got a lot of children, I think you let the other children bring them up more and you just sort of step in and do stuff like every now and again.

~Diane Cilento

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