**Gladstone West State School: *Implementing the Buraligim Weiber – ‘A Place of Learning’ Project***

Transcript

Gladstone West State School teamed up with Central Queensland University, local community and industry partners to deliver the *Buraligim Weiber* ‘A Place of Learning’ Project.

Launched in 2021 as an off-site program for Years 3 and 4 First Nations students, the project has evolved into a Humanities and Social Sciences program for all Year 4s.

*Buraligim Weiber* works to increase engagement between school and science, address absenteeism and improve academic results for First Nations students.

Students participate in 20 weekly activities at the Australia Pacific LNG STEM Central facility at CQ University and at other locally significant sites, where students learn of their connection to Country.

The program is reviewed yearly by stakeholders, and receives valuable input from local First Nations community members including Byellee woman and artist Trisha Coleman.

The program provides an avenue for First Nations students to connect to their culture, work with Traditional Owners, community groups and industry partners, and to broaden their horizons for career and life opportunities beyond school.