

School program a winner

CALM's West Kimberley district office has produced an environmental program for primary school students.

It was produced by qualified teacher and former CALM employee Katherine McGregor in consultation with staff

from Cable Beach Primary School.

"The program, funded by the Priority Country Schools Area Program, is currently being tested at Cable Beach Primary School," CALM District Manager Allen Grosse said.

"It presents a series of activities in which students learn about specific plants and animals and their relationship with the Kimberley environment."

There are active outdoor learning sessions in addition to classroom activities, all aimed specifically at year six and seven students in the Kimberley region.

A student workbook has been produced to accompany the program.

The program will enhance appropriate attitudes and behaviour toward our natural environment

"It should also foster an awareness, appreciation

and understanding of Kimberley plant and animal communities," Allen said.

"Three Kimberley communities are examined: pindan, mangroves and remnant rainforest communities.

"The children will be encouraged to look at climate and landform and their relationship to flora and fauna in each of the communities," he said.

The food chain and the human impact on the landscape are also examined.

"So far we have had a good response from the school involved," Allen said.

"We should be able to distribute the program to all schools in the West Kimberley by next year."

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Ben Hill, of Cable Beach Primary School, meets a local snake species. Photo by Tiffany Hill

