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Conference to Empower Youth

More than 250 students and teachers from around Queensland, including three classes from Nanango, will converge on Toowoomba in October for the Discovering Landcare Conference. The theme of this year's conference will be 'Making Waves', drawing on the current debate and need for action in water management.

"With speakers such as Narelle Oliver, Frank Manthey, Ranger Tim Moore and Delphine Bentley, this second conference is promising to be even better than the first," conference organiser Renee Fletcher said.

Other highlights of the Discovering Landcare Conference will include two action-packed days of practical, hands-on environmental activities, field trips, a senior student property planning competition, and student-led presentations. Nanango's own Class 4HC will give a presentation on their Sandy Creek project.

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee will host the event as part of the culminating celebrations for students involved in the *Learning Through Landcare* (LTL) program. LTL coordinator, Laura Weedon, said that it is wonderful to see schools initiating activities that have real environmental benefits and provide students with practical opportunities to carry out their vision for the future of our environment.

"LTL empowers young people to take an interest in their local community and the management of their local environment," said Laura.

"Closing the program with the Discovering Landcare Conference will provide hands-on, student-orientated learning to ensure that our future will be managed by people who have an interest in, and respect for, our environment and natural resources."

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