

2025 Season of Creation School Competition

School: St Columba's College

Year: 7

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Why is it important for young people to reconnect with creation?

All that exists (land, sea, sky, animals, and people) comes from the loving hand of the Creator. God not only made the earth, but declared it "very good." To care for creation is to honor the gift. Disregarding or abusing it is a form of ingratitude

but why is it important for young people to know this?

Perhaps the most important reason to participate in creation care is that all of creation belongs to God. Psalm 24:1. If kids grow up knowing this, they will become hard-working men or women and care and be grateful for the world we are blessed to live in

This demonstrates the school quote this year (hope) because young students such as me are taught to care for the world God gave us. It motivates action in the face of environmental crises, providing the belief that actions, however small, can contribute to a future where the Earth thrives, but how does this link to *Laudato Si'* ("We are not God. The Earth was here before us, and it has been given to us" – *Laudato Si'*, 67). This tells us we did not make this earth, God did, and we have to respect it and care for this world also in the scripture from Genesis, (God creates humans to be his co-rulers, his "images," designed to bring life and flourishing to all creation (Gen. 1:26-28). This explains how since God gave us a gift to be on this world we have to care for it as he created it.



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