

2025 Season of Creation School Competition

School: St Columba's College

Year: 7

Teacher: Ms McGuire

[illegible]The collage is a visual representation of the relationship between humanity, nature, and faith. It features several key elements:

- Central Title:** "how can we practice being at peace with creation?" written in a dark, cursive font.
- Biblical Quote:** A torn paper graphic containing Genesis 1:26: "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'"
- Environmental Imagery:** Includes a polar bear on ice, cracked dry earth, a dead tree, a turtle with plastic in its mouth, a factory emitting smoke, a globe with red arrows indicating climate change, and a polar bear walking through trash.
- Nature Imagery:** Includes a polar bear on a rock, a healthy green tree, a polar bear on a small ice floe, and a polar bear standing in snow.
- Human Element:** At the bottom right, a group of people are shown holding up a large globe with a thermometer on top, symbolizing global warming and human impact.

The overall theme is the call to care for God's creation amidst environmental challenges.[illegible][illegible]

How this teaching connects to my creative piece

My collage shows that animals are struggling and their habitats are being destroyed due to climate change. The Laudato Si quote mentions that humans have responsibility to protect and take care of the land which God created and that every single act can make a difference. Helping care for the environment like reducing waste, protecting habitats and making sustainable choices can help stop animal extinction. My artwork also shows that the land has been changing including soil cracks appearing on the ground. We can fix this by increasing soil moisture through watering more oftenly.

How it demonstrates our 2025 St Columba's college theme of Hope.

Caring for creation demonstrates our 2025 St Columba's College theme of Hope because it shows that even the smallest actions can help make a difference to the land. Hope is us humans knowing that protecting animals and helping the environment can help the earth recover. Every small action shows that as a Catholic college, we can continue to live according to God's word and care for creation.