

# Ayr State School

## Beauty

Ayr State School students have used materials that would have ended up as rubbish or polluted our beautiful waterways to create their artwork *Beauty*. Our Elders have cared for our land for many centuries, it is our turn now in this modern world to step up and care for our place.

Our story began by yarning about the ways that the Gudjuda Rangers care for the turtles in our region and viewing photos of the impact of ghost netting on turtles. The turtles are often caught in nets that fishermen throw overboard, tangling the beautiful creatures in them.

The artwork began with a beautiful net that was donated to the project. The fine net and the way it created movement with its different shape each time it was arranged, led the students to create an elegant gown.

First the students created mood boards by exploring the internet for images of colour and elements to include in the design. They then explored ideas for their design on paper models. The students utilised materials such as plastic bags (that turtles often eat as food), masks that are washing up on our beaches, recycled glass beads, felt off cuts, pieces of orange bags and other net, recycled flowers, sheets of laminating film and cork beads. The base that provided structure to the piece was a second-hand dress that was painted using fabric paints and dry brushing techniques.

The students created different types of flowers to tangle in the net and head piece, representing beauty and overcoming the ugly by using recycled materials to show what can be.

### *Beauty* 2023

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