

# WONDERING WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT?

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**HAVE YOU NOTICED INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES AT YOUR SCHOOL?**

- high fences built around school grounds?
- school gates locked?
- parents with guns patrolling school premises?
- more emergency drills?

IS THERE A SHOOTING RANGE AT YOUR SCHOOL?

IS MORE EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON CADETS?

DO YOU SPEND MORE TIME ON MARCHING?

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT?**

In 1977 P.W. Botha said: "We must educate our children for war."

- The security measures at school ensure that we white school students come to believe that we are under threat. This encourages us to believe that we will have to fight to protect ourselves.
- The enemy that we are taught to fear is not some foreign invading force. They are black students of our own age who are at school in the townships.
- When young white men leave school they are conscripted into the SADF where they are called on to fight a war against school students in the townships.

**ALL THIS SECURITY AT WHITE SCHOOLS. IT IS BLACK SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE IN PHYSICAL DANGER.**



Black school students have an inferior education system called "Bantu Education". It was introduced by Dr Verwoerd who said "The Native must be taught from childhood that equality with whites is not for him".

Today the government spends eight times as much per year on the education of each white student as it does on the education of each black school student.

**APARTHEID EDUCATION IS UNEQUAL & UNJUST**  
**APARTHEID IS AN UNEQUAL, UNJUST SYSTEM.**  
**IT IS APARTHEID THAT IS SENDING US TO WAR.**

Since 1976 black school students have been protesting against Apartheid education. Their protests have been ignored. Instead things have become worse. Under the State Of Emergency students are at the mercy of the police and army.

- Troops now occupy many schools
- Thousands of students and teachers have been detained.
- There have been allegations of assaults and torture coming from those who have been in detention.
- Students have been sjambokked.
- Classrooms have been teargassed.
- Schools have been closed down by the government.
- Students have been attacked by police dogs.
- Some school students have been shot.

Dear students

I would like to tell you a story of my friend Vusi Silango who was shot dead by the SADF. He was coming from gym with his friends in the afternoon. Then they saw casspirs coming towards them. His friends ran away. He stood there alone unafraid because he had not done anything. They shot him dead without asking any questions.

At this present moment the SADF are camping in our schools and stadiums. We the students of Soweto wish to be your friends. But this is impossible if you choose to side against us. We will also appreciate contact with you on all political discussions and to form one, united student body.

From  
A concerned Soweto Student.

What can you do?

**JOIN THE CALL FOR TROOPS OUT OF THE SCHOOLS  
TIE A YELLOW RIBBON FOR SOLIDARITY WITH FELLOW STUDENTS IN THE  
TOWNSHIPS.**

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