There is still hope
By Nikola Djordjevic, Year 10
An unheard voice
A silent scream

It just all feels
Like a dream
Endless nights
And endless pain
To keep my mouth shut
Would be insane

There is still hope
This situation isn’t bright
But I’ll make sure
I’ll go out with a fight
The Painful Truth
By Anthony Johansen-Barr, Year 10 Ashfield Boys High School

A crime committed
An eye that has seen
Young and naïve
Ignorant to the situation

One day wakes up
Truth appearing in his eyes
Leaking down his face
As he realised

He could hear the screaming
He could hear the pain
He couldn’t keep it in any longer
Ran out the door

Ran to the station
Where the authorities learnt
That the boy’s family was in pieces
And full of pain and hurt
Silence

Silence in pain,
Silence in torture,
The life, the love Drained away like water
The threads of trust like lambs to the slaughter
Why?

The causes unknown, the crimes against humanity
The battle is lost; the struggle for sanity,
The helplessness feeling like the immensity of gravity
It’s crushing her!...

Now all of these things have been seen, have been heard
But dumb witnesses speak not so much as a word
The life, the love drained away like water
There’s just silence in pain,
The silence has caught her.

Jacob Campbell, 10P.
Silence
Sitting here silent
I’ve done nothing wrong
Then I think pain
Its been happening to long

Scars are covered
We wear the cut
Feelings locked
Mouths are shut

To see what I saw
Was just not right
I will stand up
I will fight

All as one
Silence is absurd
We will not stay quiet
For her voice is heard

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We thank all our students for participating in our White Ribbon Day Event. Starting from our Pancake Breakfast the great chalk artwork that clearly spoke the message “not to remain silent nor to be a by-stander but to Act with conviction and support those who are being abused.” We thank the students who prepared and executed their speeches beautifully and Mr Daly for his passion to teach this generation and beyond the white ribbon Message.