13 May 1993

PRESS STATEMENT

From: Lotus River, Ottery and Grassy Park High School Students

We, the students of the Lotus River, Ottery and Grassy Park area condemn and reject the irrational attitude of the undemocratic regime concerning the destructive and unilateral rationalisation measures.

These measures taken by the government will not only drastically affect teachers but also the community as a whole. We, the students fail to see how this offensive action will contribute to the upliftment of society. It will only lead to our standard of education being further degraded.

We have come to the conclusion that our education is of no concern and no priority to the state. The government is more interested in spending money on golden handshakes than working towards one democratic and non-racial education department.

The students of this community are thus fully committed to the struggle for equal education. We will continue fighting and opposing the current education standards until a non-racial, non-sexist, national education system which would benefit all has been implemented.

We call on all students, teachers and parents to support this demand and oppose the present measures taken by the government.

Yours sincerely

From all students at Grassy Park Senior Secondary Fairmount Senior Secondary Lotus River Senior Secondary Zeekoevlei Senior Secondary

Events that are to take place:

- 1. Awareness Programmes at schools 14 May
- 2. Picket at 9am Victoria Road, Grassy Park 15 May
- 3. Mass Rally:

Fairmount Senior Secondary - Klip road, Grassy Park Monday 17 May 10am