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LENS CAPTURE: Genesis Christian College student Catherine Ramsey (inset) has had her photograph (above) which focuses on bullying and suicide chosen for a national exhibition in Canberra.

Bullying theme in focus

A BRAY Park student's photograph on bullying and suicide will show at the National Portrait Gallery, Canberra, next month being one of 100 pieces selected nationally for a high school student exhibition.

Year 12 Genesis Christian College student Catherine Ramsey took the photo for

an art assignment and then entered it in the gallery's Headspace Project competition.

Pieces that reflected issues of concern for high school students were chosen by a panel for display in the Headspace 10:Self/reflections exhibition from September 9 to November 7.

An extract from the artist's blurb for the piece reads: "The victim turns her back on the bully, yet the symbolically white dress is splattered with bloody words and she drags around the symbol of death in her hands".

Catherine used a friend as the subject. She said she

chose a theme that was close to her heart, having known people who had been victims of bullying.

"It (the theme) sort of grabbed me. I think it's significant especially considering its an issue for people around my age and I think it's taken too lightly," she said.