



Bullying victims no longer need to **suffer in silence** and the availability of evidence prevents their cases from being **swept under the carpet**.

Bullies better beware

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VICIOUS: Videos of bullying in schools are helping to bring such cases to the fore

THERE have been student terrors for as long as there have been schools. These miscreants inflict pain and suffering on fellow students through physical and psychological torment, making an otherwise common childhood experience rife with agony and trauma.

School bullies may have always

been there but social media wasn't. Then, cases of bullying in schools will only come to attention if there is bodily harm, or worse, death. But now, it's there for all to see on the world wide web.

Technology has made it possible to name and shame not just road bullies brandishing steering locks, but delinquents in all forms, with just the swift click of the share button.

Many incidences of bullying in schools have been brought to the fore of late via videos of the perpetrators in action, taken ironically by the culprits themselves. Their earnestness to inflict pain — fortunately — is as keen as their enthusiasm to show off.

They likely find it “cool” to display such behaviours and this ultimately leads to their own undoing.

The most recent was a two-minute video uploaded last Friday of a sobbing boy being kicked, man-handled and prodded with a broom by several pupils in an Alor Star school.

As is the case in all such videos, it quickly went viral, garnering thousands of hits on YouTube.

Many recoiled in shock and disgust over what they saw and urged for action. Optimistically, the police swiftly swooped down on the offenders and recorded statements from five pupils of the primary school.



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