What is bullying and harassment?

Bullying and harassment occur when people use and abuse power to trouble, annoy or oppress a person.

As many as 20 per cent of students in Australian schools have experienced bullying and harassment. The real figure may be even higher, because many problems are not reported.

Bullying and harassment can often be based on perceptions about differences such as:
- culture
- sexual orientation
- body size
- ethnicity
- ability or disability
- physical appearance
- gender
- economic status
- age
- sexuality
- religion
- marital status
- economic status