CYBER BULLYING

Bullying vs Cyber Bullying
Cyber Bullying is becoming more dominant then face-to-face bullying in Australian society. Whilst bullying is not increasing, as quoted by expert Dr Toni Noble
"The incidence of bullying, particularly the face-to-face style, is not increasing."
Cyber Bullying is surely increasing with more teenagers and children accessing the internet.
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Also some studies say that
"Children who were bullied were up to nine times more likely to have suicidal thoughts."

When Cyber-Bullying is said amongst people they often don't know the correct definition of it.
"Cyber Bullying is when a child, preteen or teen is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another child, preteen or teen using the internet, interactive technologies or mobile phones."
They are split into two categories: Direct attack and attack by proxy.
Direct attack is when someone bullies his/her victim personally/directly doing it at their own will.
Attack by proxy is when someone aids the bully into attacking a victim, just to help the bully.

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We need to educate children and teens on how to stop cyber-bullying and also the consequences of cyber-bullying.
"All children need clear boundaries and guidelines for using social technologies and a clear understanding of the possible consequences."
Websites such as "www.stopcyberbullying.org" and "www.kidspot.com.au" create ways to help children with cyber-bullying and also bullying. Programs have been created to tackle the issue of online youth safety.
Quoted from an article in The York Peninsula Country Times
"The spot light on cyber safety program was created two years ago with $3 million to tackle the emerging issue of youth safety online and on mobile phone."

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