

# Yahoo News

## School bullies sign up to be good



*Schoolyard bullies are being asked to sign contracts with a promise to improve their behaviour.*

The Herald Sun says primary schools in Victoria are drafting the agreements to stop children as young as eight from teasing, name-calling and hitting their schoolmates.

The paper says the contracts are a last step before more serious action is taken.

Principal of Monmia Primary School in Keilor Downs, Lorraine Bell, said the behaviour agreements had been successful in helping curb physical, emotional and verbal abuse.

"It could be one child is always picking on them, hitting them, targeting them in some way," she said.

She said the contracts were preceded by a discussion between the students and staff to flesh out the issues.

If the agreement is broken then the Education Department's bullying processes come into play.