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## - Parents - fear bullies the most

SCHOOL bullying is the biggest fear of Australian parents, new research has revealed.

A survey of 500 parents by parenting organisation Generation Next has found 60 per cent believe bullying is a bigger concern than binge drinking and drug use.

Generation Next founder Dr Ramesh Manocha said the emergence of cyber-bullying among children has heightened parent's concerns.

"We do have to ask the question whether parents are underestimating the power and reach of cyber-bullying," he said.

"It's far more intrusive and relentless than playground harassment and has the potential to do lasting damage to a young person's psyche." AAP