

CANING—SCHOOL HEADS

TELL WHEN AND WHY

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed.— Students who continue to break school rules are usually caned.

This is a general remark of a few heads of schools here and Petaling Jaya.

They said the students are caned if all other disciplinary methods fail and if they are still committing the offences despite being warned.

They were commenting on a statement by the Education Minister (Dr. Mahathir Moha-

med that teachers are reluctant to use the cane on students breaking the rules for fear of their parents' reactions.

Dr. Mahathir said it was unfortunate that the teachers did not use the cane to discipline students even though the Ministry had set certain guidelines regarding its use.

Headmaster of the Sekolah Menengah Aminuddin Baki Encik Ali bin Jabbar said he uses the cane when the "occasion calls for it."

He said students are caned for stealing, smoking, fighting,

exhortation and making fun of teachers.

He added that since the beginning of this year, more than 20 boys had been caned.

Encik Ali said the Ministry guideline stated that girls should not be caned.

"This is because girls may turned round and said the teacher or head is trying to outrage her modesty. So we never touched the girls but we try other methods such as giving them talks," he added. His school is co-ed from Form

Four onwards.

A headmaster of another school said he canes the students if all other disciplinary methods fail.

"We usually find out why the pupil break a school rule. There may be family problems connected with it," he added.

He said so far parents have not come to complain about their children being caned.

"I suppose the parents trust the headmaster and know that it for the pupils' own good," he added.