

Just call me 'Mr Rudd'

NOBODY takes to a white-board quite like Kevin Rudd. While visiting a high school in Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur yesterday, the Prime Minister could not resist the temptation to let out the science teacher lurking within.

During a classroom tour, Mr Rudd was asked what sounded suspiciously like a planted question about climate change.

While explaining at length his solution, he grabbed a marker and wrote CO₂ on the board, adding a downward arrow alongside to hammer home the point.

Unfortunately, most of the students missed the display as a mob of photographers surrounded him.

Mr Rudd even had some homework for his impromptu class at Aminuddin Baki high school.

They were asked to tell counterparts at their new sister school — Western Ford Secondary College in Hastings, Victoria, — what they could do to prevent climate change.

The visit followed an announcement by Mr Rudd and Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi of a scheme pairing six Victorian schools with Malaysian sister schools.



Lesson time: Prime Minister Kevin Rudd meets Malaysian students during his visit to a Kuala Lumpur high school. Picture: KYM SMITH