

Introducing you to **Academic Integrity**

CRITICAL INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS



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THIS IS ** REALLY IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW**



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What is Academic Integrity & why is it a big deal?

- Academic Integrity is essentially being honest about all the work and research you do, whilst you attend UNSW College. By doing this, we can safely certify the knowledge of our students and staff.
- In today's society, universities are a source of truth, providing essential teaching, learning and research outcomes which positively contribute to all areas of society.
- To achieve and maintain high levels of academic excellence for students at UNSW College we require all members of our community, students and staff to act with honesty in their work at all times.
- As a member of our community, we expect every student to act with academic integrity at all times.



How can you show academic integrity?

There are really clear steps which you can practice to be a safe student.

- Be on time with your assignments. When you are forced to rush essays and assessments, you will be more tempted to copy from a friend, or copy and paste from the internet.
- Changing some of the words or phrases within paragraphs is not enough to call work your own. You are still essentially taking someone else's core ideas.
- Referencing is a perfectly acceptable and expected way to use other peoples' work. It show that you respect them for their thoughts and shows us that you are honest about who did the thinking.
- If you are researching online in another language, it is not ok to paste the translation and pretend that it is your words.



How can you show academic integrity?

- If you are going to use someone else's work then just be honest about it. Never try to pass someone else's work off as your own...even if it's on the internet and you can not find the name of the author or the source of the writing.
- Collaborate, don't collude. At university we expect you to work with others. The world's finest research and outcomes have come from teams of highly collaborative academics. However, when you are working in a group, you must submit your own work, not group work. This means you can not all submit the same work.
- A group leader can not provide other team members with answers. You can work together but the work you submit for marking must purely be yours.



When things go wrong?

- Plagiarism; pretending someone else's work is your own wither by copying or not referencing someone else's work properly.
- Collusion; group work where two or more students work together to write an essay or complete an assessment and each person submits the same work.
- Group work where there is a leader who provides all the answers.
- Paraphrasing – changing some of the words or phrases in someone else's work and passing it off as your own.
- Contract cheating or “ghost writing”



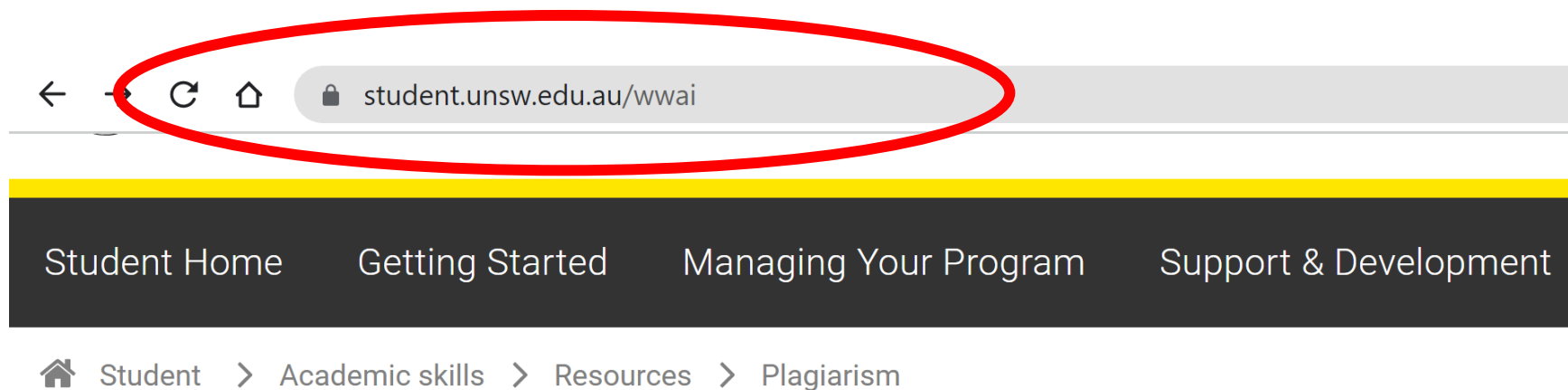
How do people get caught?

- Plagiarism, copying, screenshots of exams into websites...these actions are such a big deal that Australia universities have created many tools for screening work and can quickly recognise copying, collusion and other forms of plagiarism.
- Because of this, we strongly recommend that rather than risk getting caught – just don't do it. Learn the skills to be a safe student.



How can you ensure Academic Integrity in your work?

- UNSW has some excellent free resources to help you maintain your academic integrity at all times. We strongly recommend that you visit their webpage and access the free learning and support modules.



'Working with Academic Integrity'
online module

What happens if a student gets caught for academic misconduct?

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Expected behaviour

Minor breach

Academic Misconduct

Serious breach or repeated breaches
of the Student Code

Student Misconduct

- Resubmission of corrected work with a limited mark
- 0% for the assessment
- Fail the course
- Suspension
- Delayed graduation
- Permanent exclusion
- Lose your degree, scholarship





If you have any questions about Academic Integrity you can always **ask your teachers or lecturers** or contact the Student Progress Team at:

Academicprogression@unswcollege.edu.au

