Discipline: General + Academic Misconduct

What should I do if I receive a letter notifying me of disciplinary hearing?

Contact Student Rights + Support who can guide you through the process.
There are three types of misconduct that could result in a disciplinary hearing:

- General misconduct – unacceptable behaviour that is likely to cause harm, injury or damage
- Academic misconduct – seeking to gain for yourself or others an unfair or unjustified academic advantage, e.g. exam cheating, plagiarism, collusion
- Research misconduct – negligent research practice

What happens if Monash University alleges a discipline breach?
Monash University will send you a letter notifying the time, date and location of the hearing. The letter will outline the allegations and the grounds for the allegations. This letter requires you to reply and state whether you admit or deny each allegation.

Contact Student Rights + Support as soon as you receive this letter.

Possible Penalties
Monash can apply one or more of the following penalties:

- Recording of misconduct on student’s record
- A fine
- Zero for the assessment
- Zero for the unit
- Conditional penalty with the agreement of student
- Suspension
- Exclusion

Appealing the Decision
Once you receive your hearing outcome email you have 20 university working days to appeal the decision.

Appeals are limited to the following grounds:

- The penalty is excessive based on the facts
- New evidence of a substantive nature is now available
- Bias or some significant procedural irregularity
- Breach of the rules of natural justice
- Decision is so illogical or irrational