

# Plagiarism + Collusion

What should I do if I have received  
an allegation of plagiarism or  
collusion?

*Contact Student Rights + Support  
for assistance.*



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## What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is to use another person's work or ideas and to pass them off as your own by failing to give appropriate acknowledgement.

## What is collusion?

Collusion is unauthorised collaboration on assessable written, oral or practical work with another person or persons.

Note: Be careful when studying with friends. If you share your work with the intention of helping a friend and your friend uses your work without acknowledgement, you could be in breach of the Academic Integrity Policy.

## What will happen if there is concern about the academic integrity of my work?

When there is a suspected breach of the Student Academic Integrity Policy you will be informed about the suspected conduct and asked to respond.

## What if I made an honest mistake?

If found that your conduct was not intentional or reckless, the Chief Examiner will decide on a course of action.

This can include:

- loss of marks allocated for incorrect referencing
- the examiner will mark the work and disregard the plagiarised material
- the student may be required to resubmit the work in whole or in part

The outcome will be communicated in writing and you may be required to participate in additional academic skills development.

## What if the breach was intentional?

If the Chief Examiner determines that the breach was intentional or reckless they report the matter to the Associate Dean. The matter is then considered with reference to *Monash University (Council) Regulations Part 7 - Student Discipline*. Refer to our *Discipline* flyer for information.

Seek advice and support from Student Rights + Support.

## For further questions and advice:

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