

Academic integrity course for students completing senior studies

Information for parents/carers

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) *Academic integrity course for students* helps students understand the ethical ways to approach assessment in the senior phase of learning to validly contribute to certification and qualifications. The course contains advice on how students can maintain academic integrity and produce their best work. While the course is not a requirement for Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) eligibility and does not contribute credit towards a QCE, it is important for students to be aware of their responsibilities related to academic integrity.

Academic integrity means approaching academic responsibilities in an honest, moral and ethical way. Any work a student submits for assessment must be their own work and meet other academic requirements. Parents/carers are encouraged to support their student/s in their learning and to develop this valuable aspect of good scholarship. The *QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook v4.0* provides information about expectations for academic integrity and the development of school assessment policies (see section 8 available on the [QCAA website](#)).

Course content and structure

The course is divided into four parts and is self-paced.

It covers:

- what academic integrity is and why it is important
- what academic misconduct is and how to avoid it
- effective academic practices — focusing on teaching students how to submit work that is their own
- how students can use editing and drafting practices to improve their work.

Each part of the course includes interactive lessons to help build students' knowledge and understanding of the skills they need to complete their own work. The lessons include a range of scenarios and quizzes for students to complete at key intervals. Each quiz contains several multiple-choice items that must be answered correctly to progress through the course.

Accessing the course

Students in year 10, 11 and 12 can access the academic integrity course via the Student Portal on the [myQCE website](#). The four-part course takes approximately 45–60 minutes to complete and may be completed in one to four sessions. Once all parts of the course are completed successfully, students can save and print a certificate of completion.

How schools can promote academic integrity

Schools are encouraged to use the course to promote ethical scholarship and provide opportunities for students to further develop understanding of academic integrity and the skills

required to submit their own work. Schools may implement it in a way that suits their local context. For example, schools could:

- provide the opportunity for students to complete the course individually at the beginning of the year
- set the course as a homework activity
- provide opportunities for teachers to deliver the course in one or more lessons
- use the content to create a similar course to suit their school or class context
- have students revisit the course and course content at various intervals during senior schooling.

Some schools may require students to complete the course as part of their program of study. For this reason, course completions are logged in student learning accounts to support school administration procedures.

How parents/carers can promote academic integrity

Parents/carers and others who support students — along with schools, teachers and the QCAA — have a responsibility to promote and maintain academic integrity.

For example, parents/carers could:

- encourage students to complete the course
- reinforce the importance of ethical conduct and study practices
- support students to understand family, community and school expectations
- ensure students understand the consequences of academic misconduct
- support students to develop the skills needed to submit their own work
- encourage students to seek additional information and/or advice from their school if they have questions after completing the course
- discuss any concerns they may have with the school.

More information

If you would like more information about academic integrity and assessment in the QCE system, please visit the [myQCE website](#).

For more information about academic integrity and schools, please refer to the *QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook v4.0* on the [QCAA website](#).

Alternatively, email myqce@qcaa.qld.edu.au.



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