

PLAGIARISM POLICY

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Rationale: Plagiarism demonstrates a lack of integrity and character that is inconsistent with the values of St Julian's School.

Excellent expression of well-formulated ideas is a fundamental skill for academic and career success. Plagiarism interferes with the evaluation process that is necessary in order to promote academic growth. Plagiarism defrauds the teacher with a false view of a student's strengths and weaknesses. It may prevent further instruction in areas of weakness and delay the student in reaching his or her potential.

Plagiarism includes:

- Taking someone else's assignment or portion of an assignment and submitting it as your own.
- Submitting material written by someone else or rephrasing the ideas of another without giving the author's name or source.
- Presenting the work of tutors, parents, siblings, or friends as your own.
- Submitting purchased writings as your own.
- Submitting texts from the Internet written by someone else as your own.
- Supporting plagiarism by providing your work to others, whether you believe it will be copied or not.

Alternatives to plagiarism

No student needs to cheat or plagiarize. St Julian's provides numerous support services for students to help them achieve success honourably. Students who advocate for themselves and seek appropriate help when they need it will not feel any need to cheat or plagiarize.

Repercussions

Cheating is always harmful to all parties involved. It sacrifices the integrity of the person who provides the materials and denies the copier the opportunity to learn. When cheating is not an individual activity, all parties involved are equally guilty and will be subject to the same consequences. Intellectual honesty on the parts of all students is fundamental to their ethical development.