

Levels of Misconduct and Penalties at PIA

Levels of Misconduct	Potential Penalties and Outcomes
Level 1: Unintentional Academic Misconduct - Inexperience or lack of knowledge by students of the principles and requirements of academic integrity. - An educational matter, allowing the student the opportunity to learn from their mistake - Not previously been found guilty of substantial academic misconduct or minor academic misconduct - Minimal threat to the integrity of assessment - Examples of Level one breaches may include: - Inadequate referencing; and/or - Inappropriate collaboration; and/or - Poor use of citations; and/or - Poor paraphrasing	- A formal written warning - The requirement for the student to complete additional academic writing and referencing courses - The requirement for the student to complete the Academic Integrity Module again - Option for the student to correct and resubmit the work, in whole or in part (maximum 50% mark) - The requirement for the student to submit an additional assessment task (maximum 50% mark) - Other penalties approved by the Dean
Level 2: Academic Misconduct - Clear or demonstrable intention to gain an unfair academic advantage - Carefully and deliberately planned, repetitive, organised, or systematic in nature - In breach of the principles of academic integrity or professional honesty; and/or - Repeated Level 1 breaches - Examples of Level 2 breaches include: - Repeated Level 1 breaches - Plagiarism and self-plagiarism - Contract cheating - Collusion - Cheating in examinations, tests, and quizzes	- Applying a mark of zero for the assessment task - Applying a fail grade for a unit of study - A notation on the student's record to be included on their academic transcript - Other penalties approved by the Dean
Level 3: Academic Misconduct - Compromises the interest of other students - The integrity of the assessment scheme itself - The reputation of the Institute, and/or are significant in scale or scope. - Examples of level three breaches include: - Repeated Level 2 breaches - Breach of academic integrity involving or resembling criminal activity - Stealing an examination paper - Impersonation - Falsifying documents - Breach of academic integrity in research and/or publication(s)	- Suspension from the student's course for a nominated period, not more than one year - Exclusion - Other penalties approved by the Dean - A decision to apply a penalty of a suspension or exclusion must be ratified by the Principal Education Officer.

PIA Academic Integrity Procedure Flowchart

