



Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is a serious matter and will be treated as such at MBBC. Plagiarism involves using the work of others and then claiming it as one's own.

Plagiarism can occur in its most obvious form by directly copying text, from a written document or the internet. Any direct use of text that is quoted must be referenced correctly. It is also plagiarism when the words of another are paraphrased and not referenced correctly. It is not appropriate to rewrite the ideas of another in your own words without referencing the original source.

All boys while in the Middle School will be taught how to reference their work correctly. All assignment work will be expected to be referenced properly, as outlined in the marking criteria. Boys will also have access to 'Turnitin', an online program that allows assignment work to be submitted electronically. 'Turnitin' will highlight any text that is not referenced correctly, allowing the boys to correct this before submitting their final piece for assessment.

If plagiarism is suspected, boys will be interviewed by the subject teacher and the assignment will be run through 'Turnitin' as well as other plagiarism detectors. If it is apparent that plagiarism has occurred, the matter will be referred to the Director of Teaching and Learning. Consequences may vary, depending upon the severity of the plagiarism that has occurred. A minor infraction may involve the student being asked to revisit the task under supervised conditions. If the offence is of a more serious nature, the maximum penalty will be a zero or E grading for that piece of assessment. Parents will be notified. In the event of a second instance of plagiarism occurring, the boy will need to meet with the Principal to discuss suspension/continued enrolment at MBBC.