

PLAGIARISM

WHAT IS IT?

- Plagiarism is when you use someone else's words or ideas and pass them off as your own. It's not allowed in school, university, or beyond, so it's a good idea to learn the proper way to use resources, such as websites, books, and magazines
- Copying and pasting from a website and changing the words around is plagiarism
- Using information from the internet and not including it in your sources is plagiarism
- Copying work from another student is plagiarism

WHY IS IT BAD?

- **You don't learn anything**
 - Knowing how to research is a really important skill at school, university, in your future job and for life in general (research is just being able to find stuff out!)
 - We're not interested in whether you can cut and paste information from the internet
- **It is dishonest**
 - You are pretending that you wrote something that you didn't
 - You are pretending that someone else's research is yours

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

- **At school:** (depending on the circumstances)
 - Email or phone call home to your parents
 - You may have to do the assignment again
 - You may lose a lot of marks or completely fail your assignment
 - Your Principal or lead / head teacher will be contacted
- **At university**
 - You can be kicked out of your course
- **In work and life**
 - You can be fined
 - You could lose your job



HOW DO I AVOID IT?

- **Take dot point notes from research sources that you write in your own words**
 - Then write your paragraphs from your dot point notes. When you're writing your paragraphs you shouldn't even need to look at the original website.
- **Record every website / book etc. in your bibliography**
 - This is a good idea because it is usually a requirement of your assignment and you're often being marked on it anyway
 - This is useful if you need to go back and look at something again

Here's a video about it: <http://tinyurl.com/plagiarism2016>

**PLAGIARISM IS DISHONEST AND YOU WON'T LEARN ANYTHING.
BUT IT'S EASY TO AVOID!**