

# Collusion

When more than one student contributes to a piece of work for an individual assignment.



## What is Collusion?

Collusion is when more than one person contributes to an individual assignment. While discussing ideas with your peers is a great way to learn, sharing details of your individual assignment can result in very similar or identical work.

At ECU, collusion is sometimes referred to as unauthorised collaboration. Some assignments, such as when group work is involved, count as “authorised” collaboration and as such does not constitute collusion.

*Collusion does not align with ECU's values of working with Integrity, Respect, Rational Inquiry and Personal Excellence.*

**IS IT  
YOUR  
WORK?**



I received a zero because my friend and I submitted the same work for an individual assignment.”

*Past student experience*

## Find out more

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Collusion  
penalties may  
include:\*



**Losing marks for  
an assignment**



**Receiving zero  
for an assignment**



**Failing a unit**

\*Other penalties may apply.



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