



Otago Boys' High School

Academic Integrity Agreement 2026

Introduction:

This agreement outlines the expectations and responsibilities of students at Otago Boys' High School regarding the authenticity of their work. We believe in the importance of honesty and integrity, and we are committed to fostering an environment where students' work truly reflects their own efforts and abilities.

I. General Expectations:

- Original Work:** I understand that all assignments, projects, assessments, and homework submitted by me must be my original work, unless explicitly directed otherwise by my teacher.
- Proper Citations:** If I use information, ideas, or work created by others in my assignments, I will give proper credit through accurate citations, references, and acknowledgments in accordance with the referencing style specified by my teacher.
- No Plagiarism:** I will not engage in plagiarism, which includes but is not limited to copying someone else's work, ideas, or text without proper attribution.

II. Collaboration and Group Work:

- Group Work:** In cases of collaborative assignments, I will contribute my fair share to the group's work and fully participate in the project while acknowledging the contributions of my peers.
- Individual Accountability:** I understand that even in group work, my individual contributions must be my own, and I am responsible for the originality and accuracy of my portion of the assignment.

III. Academic Integrity:

- Exam and Assessment Integrity:** During examinations, quizzes, and assessments, I will not engage in any form of cheating, including using unauthorised materials, communicating with others, or seeking assistance unless expressly permitted by my teacher.
- Unauthorised Aids:** I will not use unauthorised aids or devices, such as cheat sheets, electronic devices, or external sources, unless explicitly allowed by my teacher.
- Sharing my work:** Unless specified by the teacher, I will not allow other students to copy, read or view my work for assessments.
- Proper Use of AI:** If I utilise AI tools for research, analysis, or assistance in generating content, I will do so ethically and in accordance with the guidelines provided by my teacher. AI should enhance my learning and understanding, not replace my own efforts. If in doubt, I will check with my teacher. I must include any use of AI in my reference list.

IV. Consequences of Violations:

- Academic Consequences:** I understand that violating this agreement may result in academic consequences, including but not limited to receiving a "Not Achieved" grade for the assignment or assessment and my parents being informed. There may not be a reassessment opportunity.
- Disciplinary Actions:** Repeated violations may lead to disciplinary actions in accordance with the school's behaviour management procedures.

V. Reporting Violations:

1. **Reporting Responsibility:** I have a responsibility to report any violations of academic integrity that I become aware of to a teacher.

VI. Review and Acknowledgment:

1. **Review:** I have read and understand the contents of this agreement and the importance of maintaining academic integrity.
2. **Acknowledgment:** I acknowledge that I will adhere to the principles of honesty, authenticity, and integrity in all my academic work at Otago Boys' High School.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this agreement, I commit to upholding the principles of authenticity and academic integrity in all of my academic work while attending Otago Boys' High School.