

Academic & Research Integrity Policy

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This policy provides a framework for ensuring that Perth Bible College upholds the academic and research integrity of courses and units of study, research and research training activities.

2. Scope

- 2.1 This policy applies to all students and academic staff of Perth Bible College.

3. Responsibility

- 3.1 It is the responsibility of the Dean of Academics and Research to implement this policy.

4. Definitions

<i>Academic Staff</i>	All staff employed on a permanent or sessional research, academic and teaching focused contract.
<i>Academic Integrity</i>	Academic Integrity involves using, generating and communicating information in an ethical, honest and responsible manner.
<i>Research Integrity</i>	Research integrity relates to the credibility of research findings due to the reliability of the methods used and the accuracy of the presentation of findings.

5. Policy Provisions

Academic Integrity Principles

- 5.1 Perth Bible College is committed to the upholding of academic integrity, which is a shared responsibility across Perth Bible College.
- 5.2 Academic Integrity involves using, generating and communicating information in an ethical, honest and responsible manner.
- 5.3 Academic integrity allows students and staff the freedom to build new ideas and knowledge, while respecting and acknowledging the work of others.

- 5.4 Perth Bible College has a policy in place to deal with misconduct, including cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation and misuse of intellectual property. This policy, the *Academic Misconduct Policy*, the accompanying procedure, together with the Academic Misconduct Schedule, promote and uphold the College's academic integrity.

Research Integrity Principles

- 5.5 Perth Bible College encourages integrity in research by supporting research that is built on a commitment of honesty, respect, objectivity, accuracy and lawfulness.
- 5.6 Research integrity relates to the credibility of research findings due to the reliability of the methods used and the accuracy of the presentation of findings.
- 5.7 Perth Bible College has policies, and accompanying procedures, in place to promote and upheld research integrity, including:
- 5.7.1 *Academic Freedom Policy*; and
 - 5.7.2 *Academic Research Policy*.

Key Personnel

- 5.8 All Perth Bible College staff members are responsible for ensuring academic and research integrity is upheld at all times.
- 5.9 Individual reporting lines for issues relating to potential integrity matters relating to Academic or Research are outlined in the following relevant policies and their accompanying procedures:
- 5.9.1 *Academic Misconduct Policy*;
 - 5.9.2 *Academic Misconduct Procedure*
 - 5.9.3 *Academic Freedom Policy*;
 - 5.9.4 *Academic Research Policy*, and
 - 5.9.5 *Academic Research Procedure*.

Student and Staff Awareness

- 5.10 All students will be advised during their orientation of the details of Perth Bible College's Academic and Research policies and procedures.
- 5.11 Students will be provided with guidance on what constitutes academic or research misconduct and the development of good practices in maintaining academic and research integrity.

5.12 All academic staff will be made aware of the Academic and Research Integrity Policy through the Staff Handbook and their induction.

5.13 Academic and research integrity and accountability for academic and research integrity are maintained in arrangements with any third party involved in the provision of higher education, which includes placements, collaborative research, research training and joint award of qualifications.

6. Policy Information

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Approved by		Academic Council	
Authorised Officer		Dean of Academics and Research	
Supporting documents, procedures & forms of this policy		<i>Academic Misconduct Policy</i> <i>Academic Misconduct Procedure</i> <i>Academic Freedom Policy</i> <i>Academic Research Policy</i> <i>Academic Research Procedure</i>	
Related Legislation and Codes of Practice		Higher Education Standards Framework 2015, Part A: Standard 5.2 (Academic and Research Integrity) Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) Act 2011	
Audience		Public	

7. Version History

Review Table			
Date	Review Type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled Policy amendment Admin update 	Summary of Changes	Review person/group
01/08/2019	Policy development	New template and policy developed.	Natalie Tierney Capital Review Group consultant
12/08/2021	Admin update	General cleaning up of the policy.	Chris Burton