

GLENEALY SCHOOL ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

At ESF Glenealy School, we are committed to fostering a culture of academic honesty and integrity. We believe that cultivating these values is essential for the holistic development of our students and their preparation for lifelong learning. Our Academic Honesty Policy is designed to guide students, teachers, and parents in keeping the highest standards of academic integrity within our learning community in line with the IB Academic Integrity Policy.

Rationale

The rationale for implementing an academic honesty policy at Glenealy School is deeply grounded and aligns with our core purpose, beliefs, and values. By promoting academic honesty, we foster the development of personal values and competencies that are essential for success in life, including integrity, responsibility, respect, and ethical behavior.



We strive to cultivate these qualities in our students to support their overall growth and character development.

Definition of Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is the demonstration of integrity, fairness, and ethical conduct in all aspects of learning. It encompasses the use of one's own ideas, proper citation and acknowledgement of sources, and the avoidance of plagiarism, copying, and any form of academic misconduct.

Philosophy

We recognize that academic honesty is essential for developing responsible, principled, and ethical behavior throughout our school and community, in alignment with our holistic approach to education. By establishing clear guidelines and expectations, we create a shared understanding of what constitutes academic honesty. This consistency fosters fairness, trust, and a supportive learning environment for all students. By working in partnership with students, parents, and staff, we can provide the necessary support and guidance to help students understand and adhere to the principles of academic honesty.

Our Academic Honesty Policy is aligned with the IB PYP Learner Profile, which serves as a guide for developing well-rounded individuals. We believe that academic honesty supports the following LP attributes:

- **Inquirers:** We encourage students to explore ideas independently, to seek knowledge from various sources, and to critically evaluate information with integrity and honesty.
- **Knowledgeable:** We promote the understanding of academic integrity and the importance of responsible and ethical use of information.
- **Thinkers:** We encourage students to demonstrate critical thinking skills, problem-solving abilities, and originality in their work, while respecting the ideas and intellectual property of others.
- **Communicators:** We foster effective communication skills, including the proper citation and acknowledgement of sources, to ensure transparent and ethical sharing of information.
- **Principled:** We invest and grow a strong sense of integrity and honesty, encouraging students to act ethically and responsibly in all academic pursuits.

AI

AI is an invaluable tool that can support and enhance learning experiences for our students. However, it is essential to uphold principles of academic honesty when utilizing AI at school. Students will be introduced to and encouraged to use AI ethically and responsibly, ensuring that they properly attribute any information or work generated with the assistance of AI. It is important to emphasize that AI is a tool to support learning and should not be used to engage in plagiarism or dishonest practices. As a staff team we will work vigilantly to teach and model best practice with our students.

By growing a culture of academic honesty when working with AI, students can develop critical thinking skills, decision-making, and an understanding of the responsible use of technology. Teachers and parents play a crucial role in guiding students to navigate AI tools effectively, promoting integrity and ensuring that students' engagement with AI aligns with the principles of academic honesty.

Expectations for Students

All students are guided to:

- Be honest in presenting all their learning
- Collaborate in an honest and fair manner, with each student contributing their own ideas and efforts.
- Seek inspiration from the ideas of other people and understand that it is acceptable to use the ideas of others, they just need to be acknowledged
- Understand the benefits of properly conducted research and respect for the creative efforts of others
- Be given the opportunity to understand what academic honesty is and how to uphold the school's academic honesty expectations
- Be principled and show integrity when researching and gathering information (from a range of sources including books, e-books, websites, videos and images), including age appropriate referencing and citations
- Adhere to responsible and ethical use of technology, including the respectful use of online resources and the avoidance of plagiarism

Responsibilities of Teachers

Teachers are responsible for educating students about academic honesty, including proper citation and referencing practices, and the consequences of academic misconduct. Teachers will lead by example and act as role models of academic integrity, demonstrating honest and ethical behaviour in their own work and must be vigilant in detecting any instances of academic misconduct and respond appropriately.

Instances of academic misconduct will be addressed in a fair and consistent manner. Consequences may include, re-teaching opportunities, redoing assignments, or loss of privileges.

Responsibilities for Parents

Parents play a critical role in supporting academic honesty. They are encouraged to reinforce the values of integrity, honesty, and responsible research practices at home. Parents will work in partnership with our staff team in educating students about academic honesty and monitoring their work for adherence with the school's guidelines.

Review and Communication

This Academic Honesty Policy will be reviewed agreed upon by all stakeholders in 2023/24 and then afterwards periodically reviewed to ensure its effectiveness. Updates or revisions will be communicated to all stakeholders, including students, parents, and staff members.

By adhering to this Academic Honesty Policy, we aim to create a learning environment that values truth, integrity, and academic excellence, nurturing students who are principled, knowledgeable, and responsible global citizens.