

We can see clearly now: Making academic integrity visible through an eye- catching website

TEQSA

Alison Reedy, Amanda Janssen, Alison Lockley, Helen Rysavy and Penny Wurm, Charles Darwin University, Northern Territory

Focus Area: Making academic integrity visible

One challenge at Charles Darwin University (CDU) is making visible to all stakeholders the myriad resources created to address academic integrity. To address this, CDU has created a central website. This website is a single repository with the purpose of both informing and educating all stakeholders and ensuring that there is a shared understanding of policies and procedures. The aim of the website is to assist with improving the approach and to develop a culture of academic integrity at CDU.

Resources developed by a working group consisting of discipline leaders, education strategy team members, and the student engagement team include simplified flowcharts on processes, tips for students and scenarios depicting issues with academic integrity along with the personal and academic consequences of breaches. The academic integrity website is eye-catching and makes resources visible to students, including many who are enrolled in online courses.

Using the vibrant images created specifically for the CDU resources, the webpage was designed with pages for students, academics and for policies and procedures. To date, over 5000 students and staff have accessed the resources. The website includes:

- Timely and easy to find information based on actual scenarios
- Engaging resources that help interpretation and implementation of policies and procedures
- Increased understanding of consequences for breaches of academic integrity
- Opportunity to link with the helpful tips and tools

To ensure maximum visibility a link was added from every LMS site (Blackboard Learn). This website contains bright colourful resources in PDF format that can be printed and used as educative tools for students.

Key points:

- A central website as a repository to house all resources
- A vibrant theme to encourage access by all stakeholders
- Easy to print resources to be used around the campuses

