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**Office of the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic Quality)**

# **Guide and Template for Unit Assessors email to Student**

## This guide and email template is **for Unit Assessors** who require a student to verbally answer questions about an assessment submission in order to further verify the authenticity of the submission, under Clause (16) of the [Academic Integrity Procedures](https://policies.scu.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=337).

## Guide Status and Details

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## Policy document

## [**Academic Integrity Procedures**](https://policies.scu.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=337)

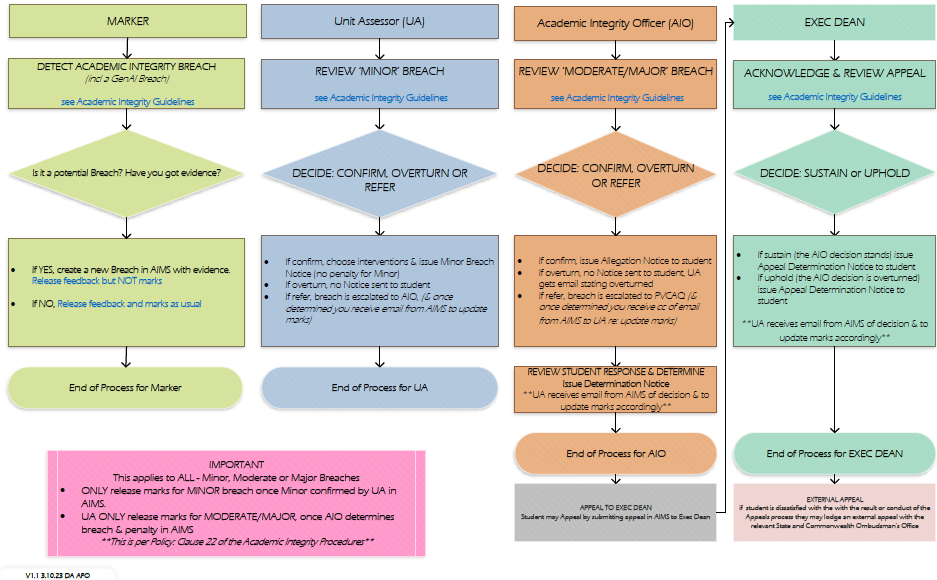
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## Background

The [**Academic Integrity Procedures**](https://policies.scu.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=337) defines the role of Markers, UAs and AIOs in regard to academic integrity breaches at [Section 4](https://policies.scu.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=337#section4).

* The **Marker** is responsible for identifying academic integrity breaches, and submitting (along with evidence) into AIMS.
* The **Unit Assessor** (UA) is responsible for reviewing and deciding Minor breaches.
  + **The UA may require a student to verbally answer questions about an assessment submission in order to further verify the authenticity of the submission (Clause 16).** Use the template email at Attachment A below for the purpose of arranging a meeting with the student. Your questions during the meeting should focus on the submission and relate to any signals of a potential academic integrity breach identified by the Marker or yourself. These might have been recorded in the [**Guide & Template Signals of a Breach & Record of Evidence for AIMS**](https://www.scu.edu.au/media/secure/staff/academic-portfolio/Guide--Template-Signals-of-a-Breach--Record-of-Evidence-for-AIMS.docx) and uploaded to AIMS. If not, it is useful to complete this template before any interview, as it will guide you to what questions you might ask the student. For example, if the student has NOT completed the assessment task that was set (e.g., the task asked for X and the student did Y), ask them why they did not. Use *Attachment B: Template For Record of UA interview with student* below, to record your questions and the student’s response. Remember, this meeting is aimed at providing them the opportunity to demonstrate it is their own work. Do they understand and can explain the content they submitted?
* The **Academic Integrity Officer (AIO)** is responsible for reviewing and deciding Moderate and Major breaches.

## Flowchart – the 3 key Roles



## Attachment A: Template email – UA to student

Email: use student SCU email address

Subject: invitation to discuss your assessment submission

Dear Student,

As the Unit Assessor for Unit x, I have received notification of a possible breach of academic integrity regarding your assessment item x.

In order to further verify the authenticity of your assessment, I invite you to meet with me to answer questions about the assessment submission, at the date and time noted below:

Insert Zoom or Teams date/time/link

This action is available to me under Clause (16) of the [**Academic Integrity Procedures**](https://policies.scu.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=337).

You are welcome to invite a support person to this meeting. Please note the support person cannot be a legal representative, and cannot answer questions on your behalf. The University offers a free, confidential and independent student advocacy service to all enrolled students. Further information is available on the website [Student Advocacy Service](http://scu.edu.au/students/index.php/135).

Following this meeting, or if you decline to meet, I will proceed to make my decision on the basis of the evidence available, in accordance with the [**Student Academic and Non-Academic Misconduct Rules**](https://policies.scu.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=141)

Yours sincerely,

*Insert name, Unit Assessor for x (or use usual email signature line)*

## Attachment B: Template For Record of UA interview with student

**UA Questions**

1. Can you tell me why…

**Student response:**

1. Can you show me how…

**Student response:**