Malpractice

Cheating is essentially trying to get credit where it is not deserved. It is unfair to your fellow students, and it is taken extremely seriously by the school and the Board of Studies.

In an examination cheating might involve taking notes into the exam room, or communicating with another person. It might mean having prior knowledge of the paper, unless this is specifically permitted.

In non-examination tasks, cheating would include using ideas or information or words which are the work of someone else, whether a student or not, without giving appropriate credit. This is called “plagiarism”. To do this is to pretend that the ideas, information or words are your own, when they are not. It is not necessarily wrong to get material from elsewhere—that would depend on the exact nature of the task—but it is always wrong not to make clear where the material came from.

It is easy to be tempted into downloading material from the internet. It is also very easy for your teacher to find out that this has happened.

It is also wrong to help another student to cheat. Outside of an examination, there is obviously no objection to sharing ideas or giving assistance. However, to allow someone else to simply copy your work is to participate in cheating.

Students who engage in cheating are liable to receive zero for the task. The task will then need to be re-submitted honestly.

The same penalty applies to any misconduct or non-serious attempt, in any task.

The Board of Studies requires the school to report any cases of malpractice to the Board.

You are encouraged to revisit the site “All My Own Work” at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au