AI use in assessment tasks

A guide for students

AI use must not breach academic integrity.

You are responsible for demonstrating that your assessment work is the result of your own individual effort and understanding. Always follow The Forest High School Assessment Policy and NESA ACE rules.

Teachers need to certify that your assessment tasks are all your own work. You need to show teachers how your assessment work is progressing, e.g. drafts, diaries, notebooks etc.

Always follow the instructions on the assessment notification

Current rules:

Always check the assessment notification for instructions on AI use. The degree to which you can use AI will vary between subjects.

If you are unsure, ask your teacher to clarify.

Using AI to enhance your skills

You may be allowed to use AI to analyse data, brainstorm ideas, refine your drafts, and research topics.

Cite AI use

Always acknowledge how you have used AI when submitting the task.

If you are quoting, paraphrasing, or summarising material from AI you must cite this information. This may be different for different subjects, and could include in-text citation, footnoting or a bibliography.

e.g. "DOE. 2025, Educhat, Retrieved October 19, 2025, from NSWEduChat."

If you are using AI to edit or translate your work, provide a brief summary that acknowledges this at the end of your document.

e.g. "I asked AI to make my fourth paragraph more concise to improve the clarity of the response".

Never copy AI answers

Unless specified in the task, never copy AI answers into your assignment. This is the same as copying answers directly from a website or textbook constitutes malpractice.

Always fact check AI answers

You are responsible for checking the sources that AI is using to generate content to ensure the information is correct and relevant to your task.

Rules from Term 4 2026 (Year 12), and Term 1 2027 (Year 11):

Formal assessment task marks reflect the student's own knowledge, skills and understanding. Marks must not reflect a student's use of generative AI.

Further updates on use for Years 7-10 will be updated in Term 4, 2026.