Guide for Supervisors

Turnitin Plagiarism and AI Checker

What is Turnitin?

In order to promote fairness and equity for all students and to ensure the academic integrity of assessment, BrisbaneSDE has enabled Turnitin in QLearn. Turnitin is a plagiarism and artificial intelligence (AI) checker which scans student assessment submissions. Turnitin has been used widely in Queensland schools and provides feedback to students, supervisors and teachers about whether a student's assessment response includes text found in online sources.

This video for BrisbaneSDE students explains and demonstrates Turnitin: Turnitin and QLearn Assignments

Which year levels will have assessment checked by Turnitin?

Assessment submitted to QLearn by students in Years 7–12 can be checked by Turnitin. Students will be informed as to whether Turnitin will be used by their teacher for each assessment task.

What types of assessment can Turnitin check?

Turnitin can read files which contain text. This includes Word documents and PDF files as well as text entered directly into QLearn. Turnitin cannot identify whether a video or image has been taken from an online source.

Will Turnitin be used for both draft and final assessment submissions?

Yes, Turnitin can be enabled for all assessment submissions where text has been written by a student. This includes at both the draft and final submission stages.

How is Turnitin helpful to students?

At BrisbaneSDE, we understand how important feedback is to improving student writing. Turnitin will provide valuable feedback to students to ensure their writing is their own and is always improving.

At the draft stage of assessment, students in Years 7–12 will be provided with an Originality Report from Turnitin. The video linked above demonstrates how to access the Originality Report for a draft assessment submission in QLearn. This report will clearly show where text in a response has been found in an online source. Students will then be able to modify their writing and resubmit in order to improve their draft.

Will students have access to the Originality Report for the final submission of an assessment task?

No, students will not have access to the Originality Report for the final submission of an assessment task. If Turnitin provides evidence of suspected plagiarism after the final due date for an assessment task, the class teacher will contact the student and supervisor. Teachers and students must ensure the BrisbaneSDE Assessment Policy is followed should Turnitin suggest plagiarism has occurred.

Can Turnitin detect the use of AI to generate a response to an assessment task?

Yes, Turnitin can detect the use of AI to generate a response to an assessment task. Teachers have access to an AI report which highlights text in a student response suspected of being generated by AI. If a teacher suspects a student has used AI to generate their response, they will contact the student and their supervisor. Teachers and students must ensure the BrisbaneSDE Assessment Policy is followed should Turnitin suspect AI has been used to generate a response to assessment.

Do students and supervisors have access to the AI report?

By default, only teachers have access to the AI report from Turnitin. Students only have access to the Originality Report in Turnitin.