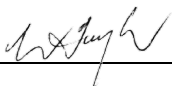


Policy Name	FREE INTELLECTUAL INQUIRY POLICY
Policy Number	A007_PO_VET (Academic)
Purpose	The purpose of this policy is to provide direction on free intellectual inquiry within Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses at Whitehouse Institute of Design, Australia (Whitehouse).
Scope	This policy applies to all staff delivering VET courses and VET students across all Whitehouse delivery sites.
Policy Statement	<p>Whitehouse will deliver student centered VET courses that are informed by research and promote intellectual enquiry, critical thinking and creative reasoning.</p> <p>Whitehouse will provide individuals with a learning environment that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • motivates and engenders enquiry and learning about our society, culture, the international environment, science, technology and industry as it relates to design • encourages, facilitates and supports positive, analytical discourse and awareness and • promotes inquiry. <p>Whitehouse, through its VET delivery, will promote investigation, critical thinking and innovation through design practice, teaching and partnerships with peers, industry and education.</p> <p>Whitehouse will support this learning environment by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing a framework for academic integrity and honesty and • promoting participation in relevant industry opportunities.
Relevant Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015 • 2016 Higher Education Support Act (2003) • Australia Qualifications Framework (AQF)
Key Related Documents	<p>Academic Honesty Policy (VET)</p> <p>Academic Misconduct Procedure (VET)</p> <p>Code of Conduct</p> <p>Academic Grievances and Appeals Policy and Procedure</p>
Definitions	<p>The following definition applies for the purpose of this Policy:</p> <p>Free intellectual inquiry: is defined as a process by which curiosity and discovery are facilitated through unprejudiced and ethical inquiry to develop innovative and original design solutions.</p>
Responsible Officer	Academic Director
Approval Authority/ Authorities	<p>Joint Executive Directors</p> <p>Academic Board</p>
Date Approved	10/12/2018

Date of Commencement	10/12/2018		
Date for Review	10/12/2021		
Documents superseded by this Procedure	Free Intellectual inquiry policy		
Amendment History	10/2016 Policy and Procedures separated and HE and VET documentations separated. Updated formatting and minor amendments.		
Signed and dated for Whitehouse Pty Ltd		Les Taylor	10/12/18
	Signature	Name	Date

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