

# Facts and Figures

## BC ACADEMIC INTEGRITY DAY

# Do you know how prevalent contract cheating is?

- **As many as 1 in 7 recent graduates may have paid someone to undertake an assignment for them.**
- **This represents 31 million students world-wide.**

Source: Newton, 2018.

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- **7% of students in the US report having purchased an assignment.**
- **23% of students in the US report knowing a peer who has purchased an assignment.**

Source: Turnitin White Paper, 2013.

# Do you know how prevalent contract cheating is?

- 6% of Australian students admit to cheating; 27% acknowledge they have given an assignment to a peer.
- 21% of students globally have visited contract cheating sites.

Source: Bretag et. al, 2108; Awdry & Králiková, 2018.

# Students don't get what they pay for.

- **More than half of contracted assignments receive failing grades.**
- **16% of contracted assignments are received by students after the assignment deadline.**

Source: Sunderland-Smith & Dullaghan, 2019.

# Students don't get what they pay for.

- **Students who engage with contract cheating sites place themselves at risk of theft of personal information, blackmail, and extortion.**

Source: Králíková, 2017.

# International action is underway.

- **In the UK, 46 vice-chancellors and heads of universities have called for a ban on essay mills.**
- **The Australian government has moved to make contract cheating illegal, with purveyors subject to jail and fines.**
- **Contract cheating is already illegal in New Zealand.**