

# Accessing and Interpreting SafeAssign Reports: For Students

The following instructions will allow students to view and interpret SafeAssign Reports from both draft submissions and final submissions of assignments.

- 1. Log into Learning@Griffith using your student ID (s-number) and password.
- 2. Navigate to the course where the SafeAssign is located.

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3. When you get to the location where your file was submitted, click the **View/Complete** link under the title of the assignment.

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The next page shows details of the submitted SafeAssignment and contains a link to electronic copy of the assignment : and a link to the SafeAssign Report (text matching report):

If your course convenor is using the built-in Learning@Griffith Gradebook, grades will appear in the View Grade table after your assignment is marked. Otherwise, you will see an exclamation mark (!).

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5. To view the SafeAssign Report click this icon:

## How to use and interpret the SafeAssign Report

The SafeAssign Report is a tool which is designed to be used in the following manner:

- Allowing students to check their assignments to ensure correct referencing of quotes and ideas, and thus develop skills in correct academic writing.
- Allowing academic staff to better identify students who may need further assistance with their academic writing skills and in developing their own ideas in written assignments.

The overall Matching score is an indicator of what percentage of the text in the submitted file matches existing sources. The percentage scoring system is most useful to the markers of the assignment, to identify assignments that score outside the average range compared to other assignments from the same course. The average range of percentages in Matching Scores will vary between disciplines and even between assignments - for example, in one course the average range might be 10%-30%, and in another course, 20%-40%. Students do not need to aim for a score of 0%.

The SafeAssign report is the most useful tool to students. You are encouraged to submit draft versions of your assignments so that you have the opportunity to check your text matching reports prior to your final assignment submission. You will be able to identify any matched text in advance, and verify that any material you have cited in your assignment has been correctly referenced.

#### It is important to note the following limitations of SafeAssign:

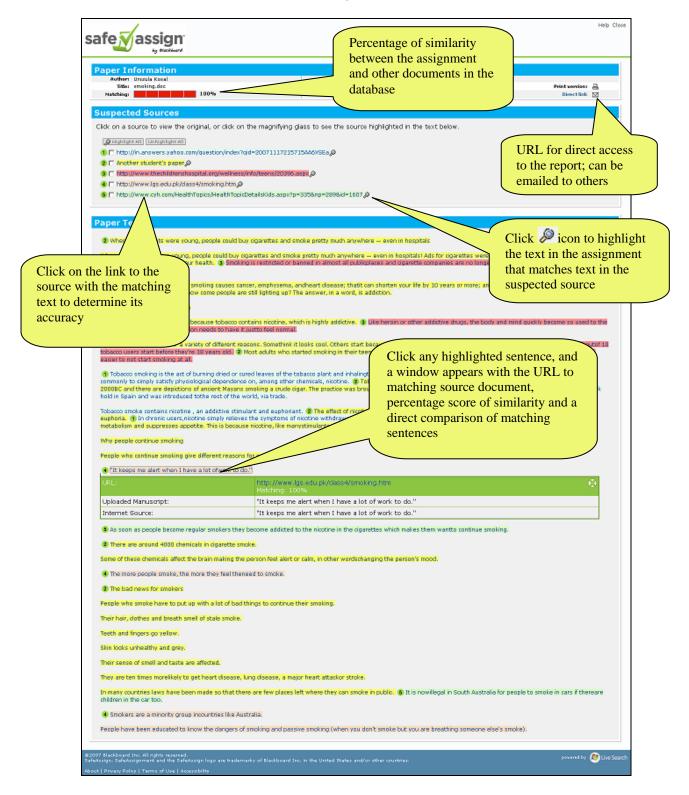
- **Cannot distinguish quoted versus non-quoted text.** If you have quoted directly from another author and cited the quote correctly, SafeAssign will still indicate that this text matches another source in the database. When your assignment is being marked, lecturers and tutors will check that you have correctly cited quotes from other sources.
- **Cannot process a bibliography.** SafeAssign cannot cross-reference a bibliography or reference list against the content of an assignment. Again, students will need to check that material has been correctly cited.
- **Does not contain all sources.** SafeAssign can only check against documents that already exist in the SafeAssign database. However, the database is being constantly updated. It is possible that the same assignment scanned for text matches on different days will generate a different text matching report, with the most recent report showing sources that were not available previously.
- **Does not know if the source itself was plagiarised.** SafeAssign cannot verify the original author of material. If matching text is found, the SA Report will show all the sources that contain the same text. It is possible that these sources retrieved are not the original source of the material.

### **More Information**

A sample SafeAssign Report is included below.

You are encouraged to discuss any concerns about your SafeAssign reports with your course convenor or tutor. If you need assistance with your academic writing skills, including correct citing and referencing in assignments, you can make an appointment with a Learning Advisor in the Learning Services team. See: http://www.griffith.edu.au/ins/training

# An example of a SafeAssign Report



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