

Case Study: Collusion

Some students had pressurised me to join a study group for one particular assessment. The assessment was 24 hours long and I actually completed it early. The students in the group asked me to join a call, and I told them where to find the answers. They all then did the exam at the same time and got the same grade.

At the time, I didn't realise what I was doing was wrong or collusion. I had told myself I was just giving them directions.

Receiving the allegation of academic misconduct was very shocking and I felt humiliated. The group all panicked and were coming up with lies, but I was too worried and quickly emailed my lecturer the truth. The rest of the group then followed my lead and told the truth too.

I would urge students to really think about the consequences of their actions and whether they are acting with integrity.