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Valid information is information that is correct, proved by many different sources. When researching for Australian history reports the information is more likely to be valid on an Australian Government website (.gov.au) then a domain of .com which can be added by anyone. That is to say, don’t believe everything that you read on the internet.

We, the school captains, believe that students should have valid information from two different sources at all times. Having valid information is very important not just at school, but throughout your life. They can always trace your cousins, siblings, friends and parents assignments from the past. Wikipedia and other websites that have information can be added to by random people and that people will believe that it is real without looking for information to backup that piece of text.

A further reason for this is checking/backing up the text, which can take only about five minutes and can save you a lot of time let alone writing it for another three hours from scratch. Would you rather write a whole text from scratch or to take five minutes to back up the information?

When presenting you could be telling false information to the audience, which they take home with them who tell other people and end up getting in trouble. You would be crazy not to check the information with a second source!

Furthermore, we’ve had experience of what it is to feel like to have “egg on our faces” when we used invalid information from an internet text called The Tree Octopus. We went to the website and believed what we read and didn’t examine the details of the website including the domain (who wrote it), year of publication and we never looked for a second source. The consequence of that was we discovered that the website was hoax/joke/fake. At the time, we felt annoyed that we didn’t pick up the evidence, surprised and couldn’t believe what we saw after writing the whole persuasive text. We realized how important it is to look for a second source.

In conclusion, backing up information is more important than you probably think. It can save you time, feeling depressed and being tricked. It can develop your understanding of the unit and teach you something that you can use throughout your whole life. Because of our experience, we understand how important it is to find a second source and after reading this, we hope you do too!