Definition of Plagiarism
As in UWS’ Student Academic Misconduct Policy, approved August, 2009:

“Plagiarism

Plagiarism occurs in a student’s work when he or she submits work in which ideas, words or other work are taken from a source (for example, a web-site or computer program, another student’s essay or presentation, a book or journal article, a lecture, a performance piece or other presentation) and presented as if they are the student’s own, without appropriate acknowledgement of the original author. In this definition of plagiarism, note that it is the act of presenting material as one’s own without appropriate acknowledgement that constitutes plagiarism, not the intention of the student when doing so. “Appropriate acknowledgement” is defined as the conventions of citation recognised as acceptable to the University. [Referencing Styles Policy, effective from 1 January 2010.]"