Citing & Referencing for Engineering Students

For information on the basics of citing & referencing take a look at LETScite module in LETS (e-tutorial) on the library website. This module is based on the Harvard Style of referencing (which is commonly used in DCU). School of Engineering uses the IEEE style.

IEEE style (Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers)
- is a notational method of referencing.

You must acknowledge the source of your information in two ways:

In-text - All sources referred to in the body of your essay must be cited correctly

Reference list - All in-text citations must have a corresponding detailed entry at the end of your essay in the reference list

Citing within the text
In-text citation is displayed by a number which should be enclosed in square brackets on the same line as the text, before any punctuation, with a space before the bracket.

A recent survey conducted by DCU student newspaper, The College View, found that 66% of respondents admitted plagiarism [1].

Some examples:
Callaghan [3] has argued that …..
Some recent studies [4, 5, 17, 22] have suggested that ….

Creating a reference list
List your references at the end of the document/essay. These should be arranged in the order of citations in the text (numbered), not in alphabetical order.

IEEE style Basics

Book
[#] A. A. Author/editor, Title: Subtitle (in italics), Edition (if not the first), Vol. (if a multivolume work). Place of publication: Publisher, Year.
Example:

E-Book
Example:

Journal Article (print)
[#] A. A. Author of article. “Title of article,” Title of Journal (in italics), vol. no., issue no., pp. page number/s, Month, Year.
Example:

Journal article (electronic) from database
Example:

Internet websites
[#] Author. Webpage name, Date of internet publication. [Format]. Available: internet address. [Accessed: Date of access].
Example

More information:
Subject Pages – Citing & Referencing tab.
Murdoch University Library, IEEE Style – lists all examples of references
http://libguides.murdoch.edu.au/IEEE

If in doubt, cite it! Be consistent!