

Essential Windows Setup Guide

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Setup with correct account

New devices will need to be setup using a Microsoft Account. That's the students **personal** email address that they have access to and know the password.

If the student does not have a personal email address, when asked, create one. A good example is firstname.lastnameXXXX@outlook.com (where XXXX is year of birth).

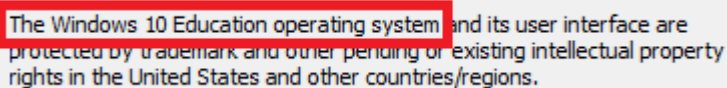
- Do not use students school email address.
- Do not use a phone number.

Windows S

Windows S is a cut down version of Windows that only allows apps from the MS app store and therefore does not allow software installation need for class.

Check Windows version

Search and run winver

A screenshot of a Windows 10 watermark. The text reads: "The Windows 10 Education operating system and its user interface are protected by trademark and other pending or existing intellectual property rights in the United States and other countries/regions." The first part of the text is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

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If Windows S aka Windows Home in S mode you need to follow this guide.

At time of printing (late November 2024), this upgrade was still free.

How to upgrade from Windows S to Home

Removing Windows 10\11 S mode restriction is simple, free and doesn't require reinstalling the whole operating system. To upgrade to full Windows, follow these steps:

1. **Hit Windows Key + X** then **select System** from the menu that appears.
2. **Scroll down and click "Change product key or switch to Windows 10 Pro"** (on yours it might be "Windows 10 Home or "Windows 11 Home").
3. **Click "Go to Store."** You'll be transported to a page in the Windows Store.
4. **Click Get.** The button changes.
5. **Click Install.**
6. **Click "Yes, Let's Go."**

You can search and run winver again to check version has changed.

Administration privileges

If the device has more than 1 user account, please ensure the student account is set as Administrator (search and run netplwiz) so we can install required software. You can change this back afterwards if needed.

Other device setup before bringing in:

Macbook – install latest OSX updates & MS Office from webmail.eq.edu.au if you know your credentials

iPad - install latest IOS updates. Install apps: Goodreader, inTune Company Portal, Word, Excel, OneNote