

IT requirements – Institute of Education, Arts and Community

Internet connection

You will need frequent access to a reliable high-speed internet connection to watch educational videos, access research and reading materials, and complete online activities. You can expect to use approximately 4.6GB per month of internet data for each course you study.

IT requirements

- Access to a desktop or laptop computer running Windows 10 or later, Mac OS X10.14 Mojave or later
- Access to an updated internet browser (Firefox, Safari, Chrome or Edge) - Note: Internet Explorer is NOT supported
- A webcam and headset (including microphone)
- Installation of [Federation University Office 365 \(provided free to our students\)](#). Office 365 includes programs to create documents, spreadsheets, presentations, store your study materials in the cloud, and communicate with staff and students
- A reliable, high-speed broadband internet connection, with sufficient upload and download capacity

We also encourage you to acquire the following skills and knowledge related to operating and maintaining a functional online study environment:

- Know how to install, use, and keep your computer's internet browser and other software up-to-date (e.g. installing security updates)
- Be proficient in connecting your laptop and/or mobile device to wireless networks either at Federation University, your local library, or other locations
- Ability to use a web camera and headset/microphone
- Know how to use cloud storage (e.g. through Office 365 OneDrive)
- Ability to use Microsoft Word and other related software packages

WiFi

Students on campus (without any portable devices) can use the shared computing facilities in libraries and computer labs. Students can also access wireless connections (eduroam) at all Federation campuses and many other educational institutions.

IT Access through Public Libraries

Here is a link to a list of Victorian Public Libraries where you can access PCs and the Internet: [Directory of Public Libraries in Victoria \(librarytechnology.org\)](#)

Borrowing a laptop

Laptops are available for short-term loan from all campus libraries.

To borrow a laptop, you will need to:

1. go to any campus library
2. present your current student ID card
3. carefully read and sign the laptop agreement we will give you
4. turn on and log into the laptop while on campus to connect to the network.

The loan period for a laptop is 3 days.

Provided the laptop you are borrowing has not been requested by another student, you will be able to extend your loan by 3 more days by phone, chat or online via your [My Library](#) account.

After this, you will need to return the laptop to your campus library.

Scholarships and Grants

Domestic students can also apply for a laptop under The Computer Grant and other scholarship opportunities. Here is the link:

<https://federation.smapply.io/res/p/list/>