Setup guide for former PR SHS SRS laptops

You will need: Power adaptor, personal internet connection (home WiFi is best), non-EQ email account for the student, possibly a USB mouse. Some time, perhaps 30-45 minutes overall.

The email account used should be one that the student regularly uses and knows the password to (not a parent's email account). Some students may need help with remembering their email password so an account linked to a parental email account is often advised. Links to some guides on setting up a Family email group are at the bottom of the document.

You may need a USB mouse as not all touchpads work immediately in the very basic version of Windows that we put on former SRS laptops. However as soon as Windows get updates during the sign in process the touchpad software will be installed and it will work.

This process may take some time because Windows gets pretty big updates every 6-12 months, so we only install a bare-bones version of Windows to avoid chasing our tail on getting the latest version all the time. So plug in the power cable and have something else to do when the Windows install process starts doing a major update phase.

Step 1 after turning on the laptop: Set Country to Australia
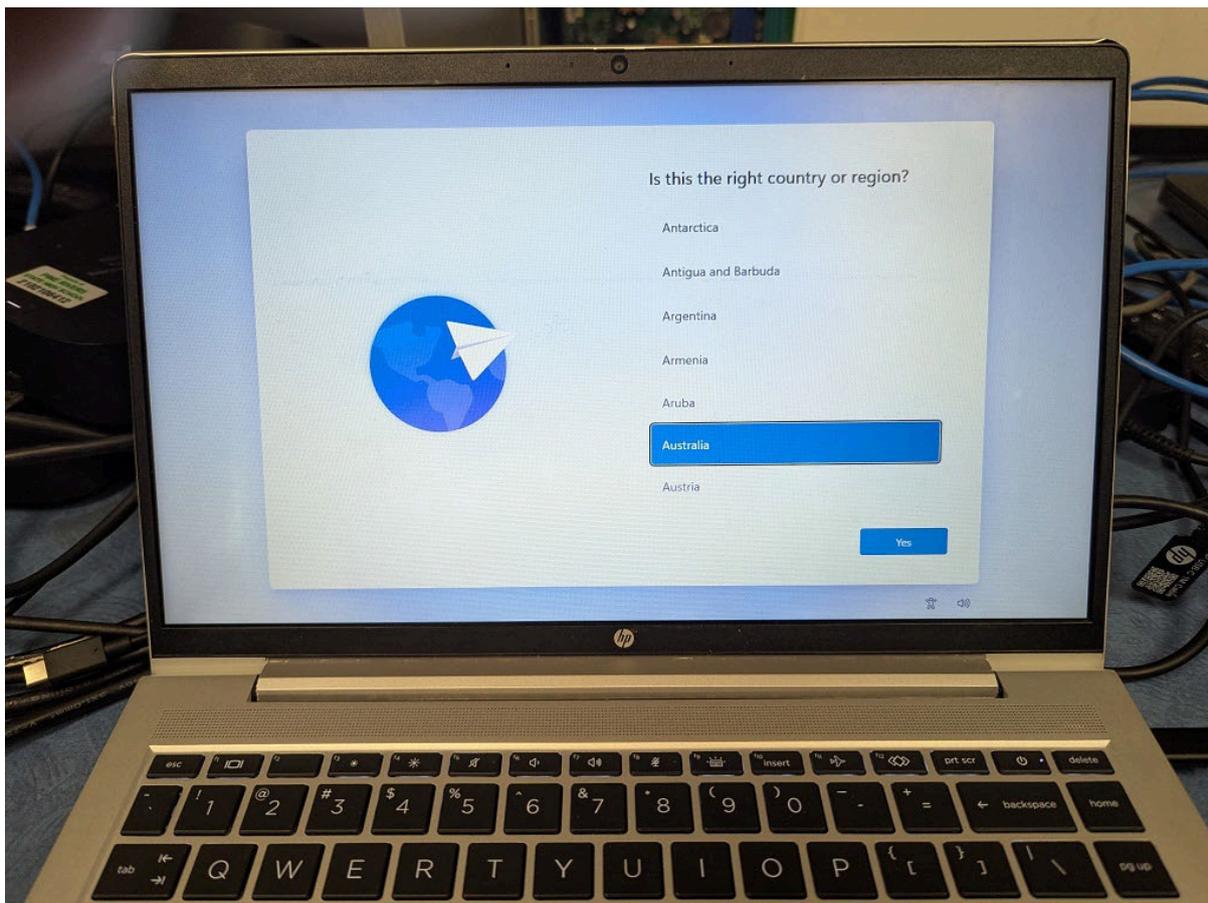
Step 2: Set Keyboard to US (we use US keyboards in Australia)
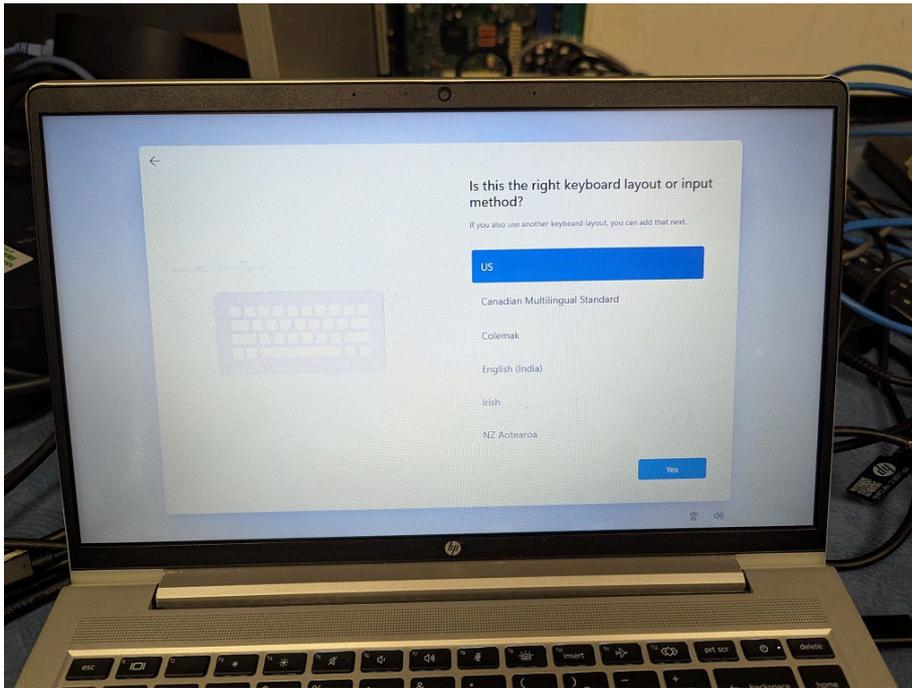
Step 3: Skip adding a second keyboard
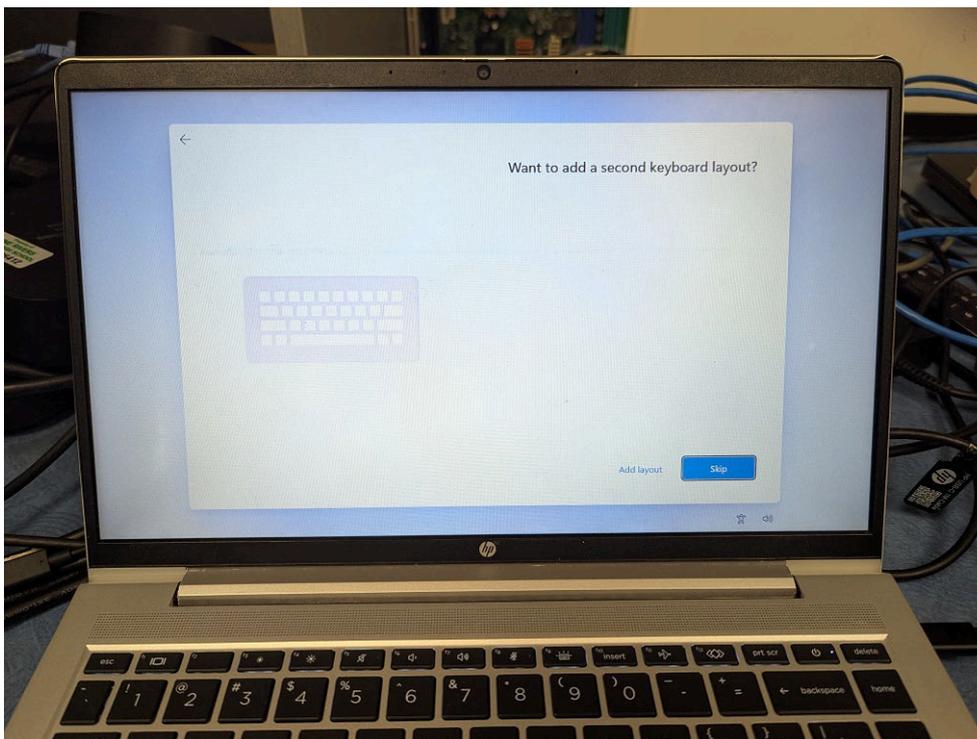
Step 4: Connect to your home WiFi or personal internet connection. Click on your WiFi, put in the Pre Shared Key from your modem/router, etc.

Step 5: Wait for some updates
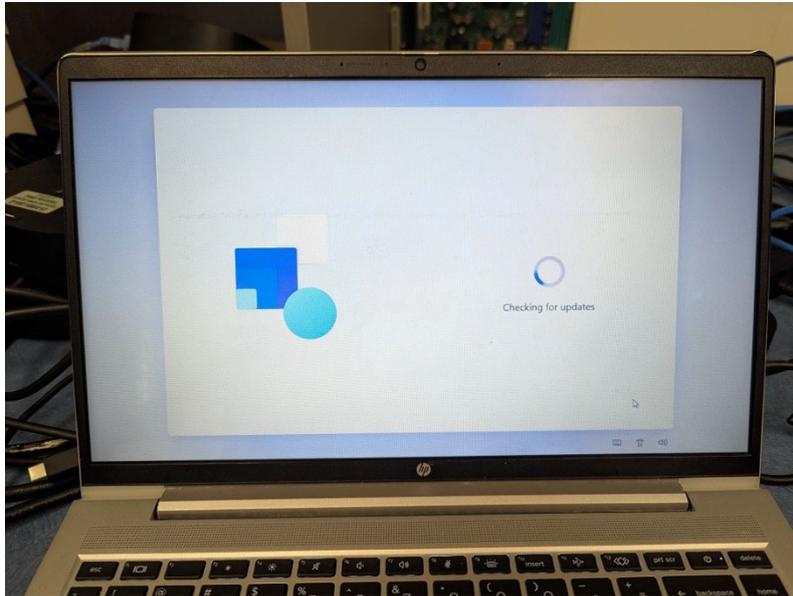
Step 6: Accept the license agreement
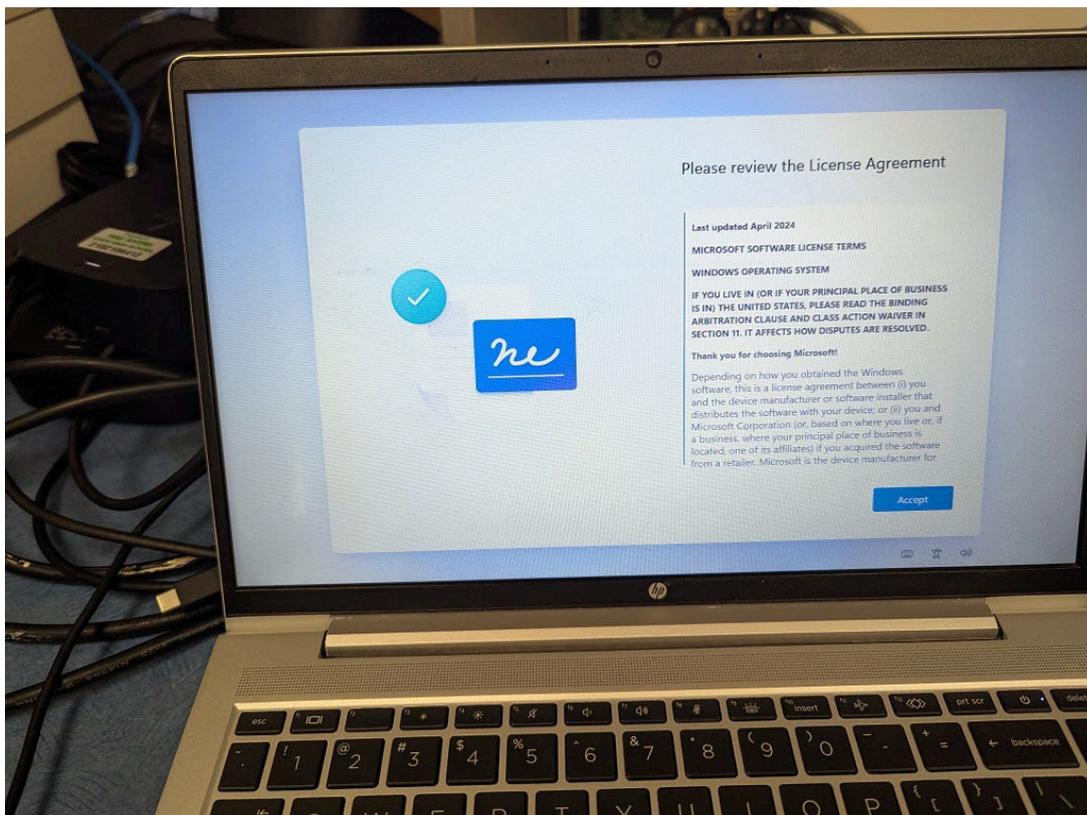
Step 7: Have a cup of tea and wait for some major updates to Windows to be downloaded and installed
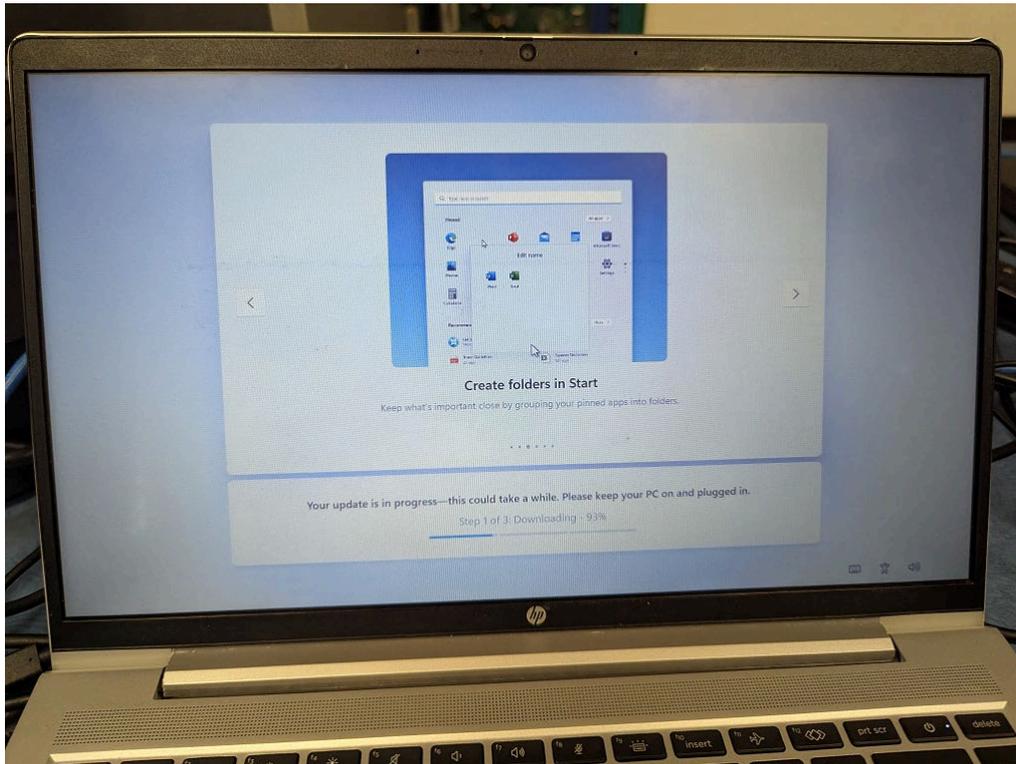
Step 8: Click Sign In
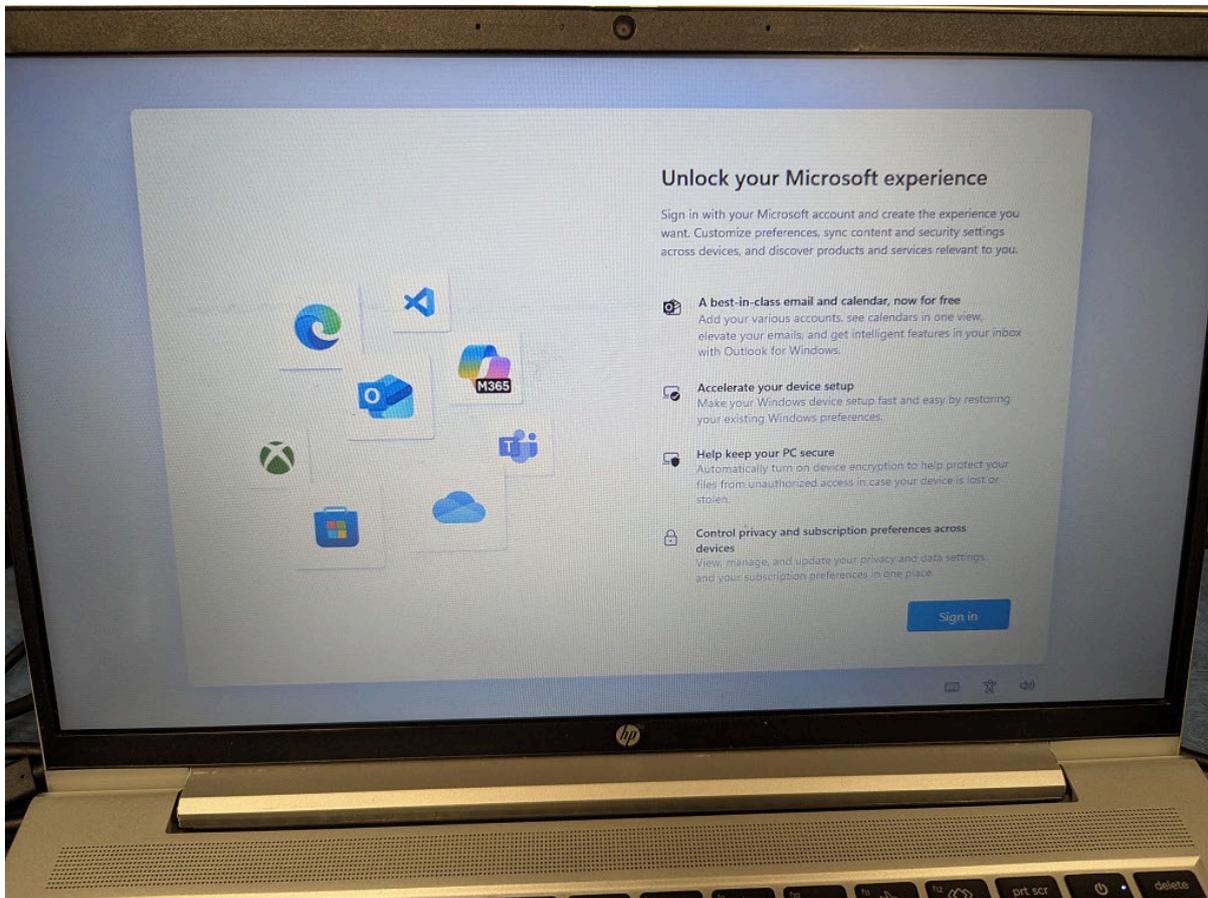
Step 9: Use an existing email account (doesn't have to be an Outlook/Hotmail/Microsoft account) to sign into the computer, just type it in, you will need to know the current password for that acount. You can click on Create One to get a new Outlook.com email address, making sure to securely record the password of any new email account created.
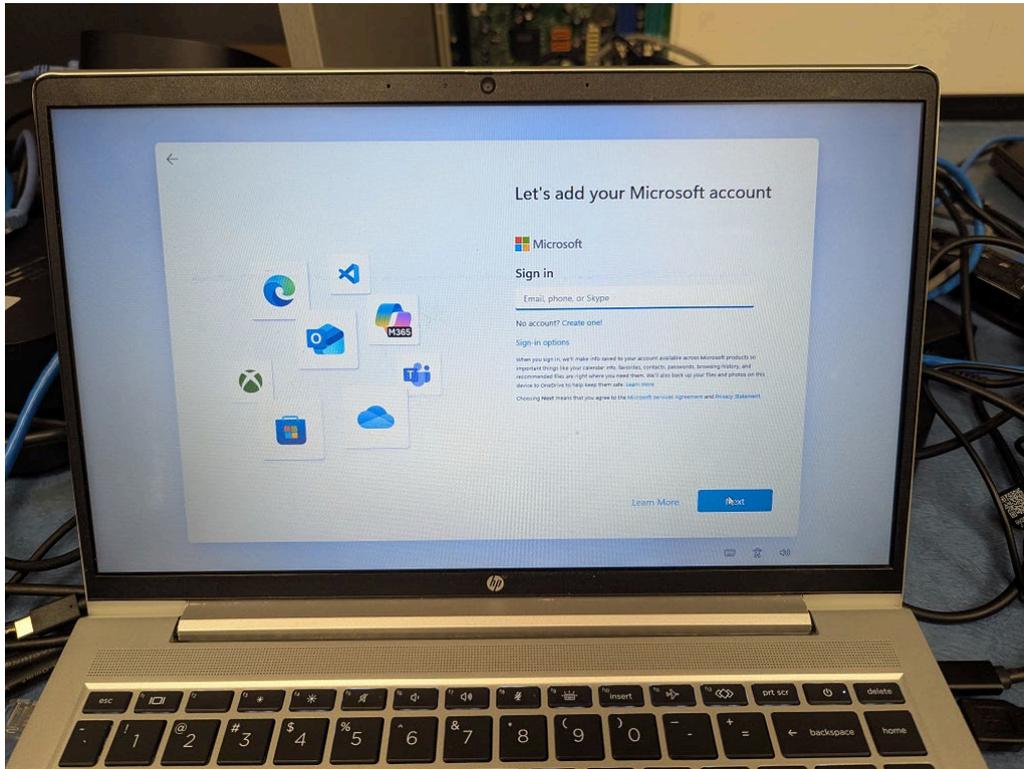
Step 10: Choose whether to restore Windows settings from an existing/previous computer (if you've already used this email account on another computer). This will make this laptop work very similar to the other computer.
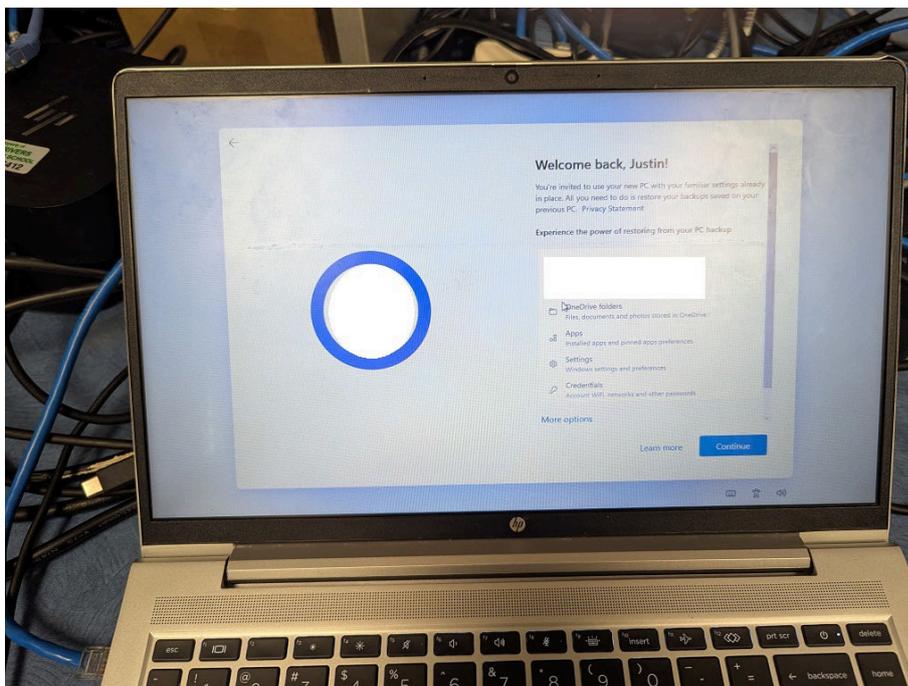
Step 11: Create a PIN for the computer (if you didn't copy the Windows settings from a previous computer)
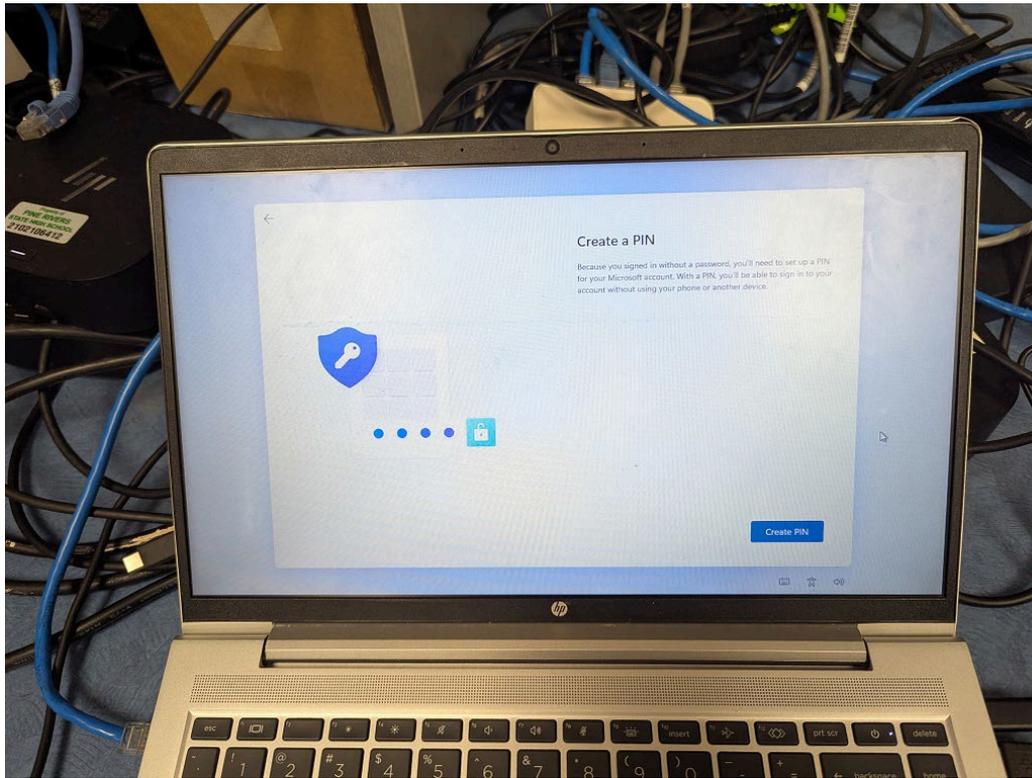
Step 12: Even more setup. After this it should boot into Windows, you should still check for more updates in Settings in case there's a series of things that still need more updates.
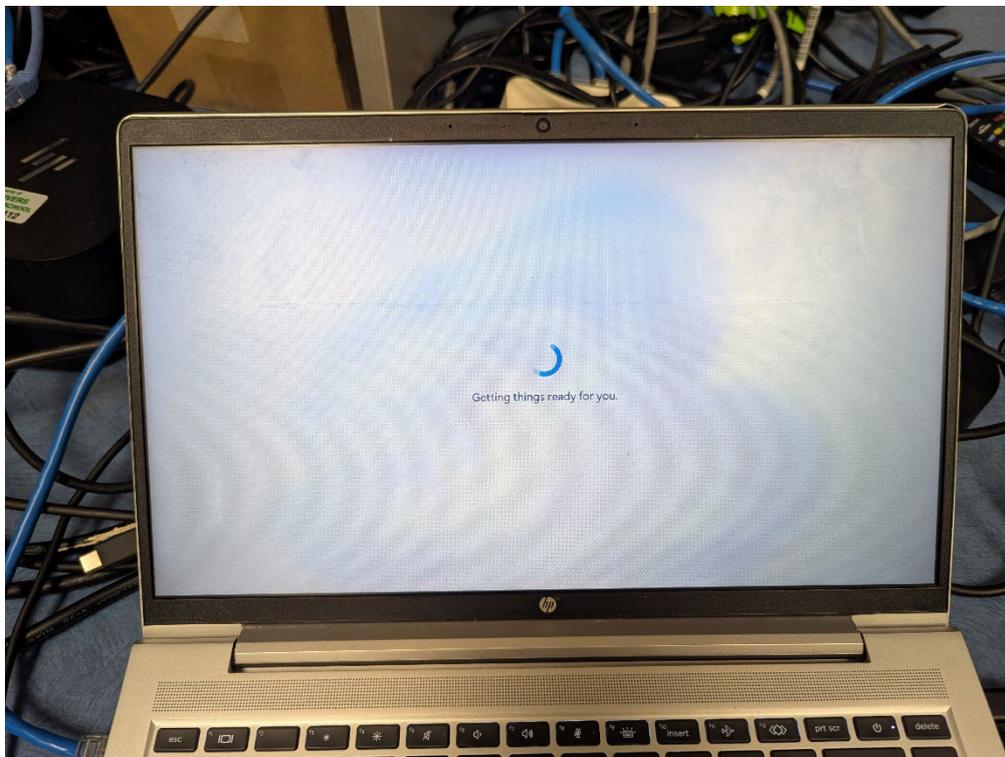
Appendix 1

Gmail family email accounts: https://support.google.com/families/answer/7100427?hl=en

Create an Apple account for your child: https://support.apple.com/en-au/102617

Microsoft guide on managing family accounts: https://support.microsoft.com/en-au/account-billing/parental-consent-for-children-s-accounts-393ac0f6-c60d-4903-8e03-6f3450128f8f