

Essential Eight Security Uplift for a Law Firm

A busy law firm handling sensitive client matter needed more than antivirus. They wanted to meet the ACSC Essential Eight, protect client data, and satisfy their cyber insurance questionnaire without slowing their lawyers down.

KEY RESULTS

M3

Essential Eight target maturity reached

100%

of staff using MFA across all systems

4 hrs

documented recovery time for critical data

BEFORE

- No formal patch management; applications and operating systems were updated ad-hoc
- Office macros were enabled by default, creating a common malware entry point
- Multi-factor authentication was not enforced across Microsoft 365 and remote access
- Backups existed but were never tested, and recovery time was unknown

AFTER

- M3 - Essential Eight target maturity reached
- 100% - of staff using MFA across all systems
- 4 hrs - documented recovery time for critical data
- Ran an Essential Eight maturity assessment to baseline the firm against ACSC guidelines

"Our clients trust us with their most sensitive information. Now our technology matches that responsibility."

- Practice principal, boutique law firm