

# Release Notes

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## Academic reports

### Improvements

- **Updated the wording on Subjects component setting to avoid confusion when selecting an option on how the subjects will print under the heading 'Per Page and Multiple Page Subjects'**

- **Added the ability to control default behaviour of Report Style**

Current behaviour sets the default Report Style based on school type. This is then able to be updated within each reporting period as needed. Users with the required permissions can update the default Report Style to streamline creating new Reporting Periods.

Academic Reports | Setup | Global Config

## Activities

### New features

- **Improved the risk assessment process for the activities module by integrating a standardised, up-to-date risk matrix within Sentral**

The enhanced risk assessment process will streamline risk management with a modern, clear framework. It uses government education department-approved templates, consolidates all risk information, helps activity planners thoroughly assess risks, and simplifies the management of student health and activity risks.

For details, see the [Activities User Guide](#) in the Help Centre.

- **Disabilities: Student disabilities data from Enrolments is now available via certain activity reports**

Student disabilities data will now be printed in the following reports:

- Medical Information report found via Activity | Manage button | Medical Information
- The two different roll printouts found via Activity | Print button | Print Roll and Print Today's Roll.
- The roll marking printout found via Activity | Roll Marking | select a roll | Print Roll.

## Admin Enquiry

### New features

- **Disabilities: Student disabilities data from Enrolments is now available on certain screens and reports/exports**

#### Change to screen

Student disabilities data (disability name and disability detail) is visible on the Student Summary screen accessed via Admin Enquiry | [selected student].

#### Change to reports

Student disabilities data is displayed in the following reports:

- Admin Enquiry | Reports | Class List
- Admin Enquiry | Reports | Roll Class
- Admin Enquiry | Reports | House List
- Admin Enquiry | Reports | Year List.

These reports now include a 'Display DISABILITY' option. If the Display DISABILITY option is selected, then the report will print student disability data.

- Admin Enquiry | Reports | Medical Summary

This report will print disabilities data (disability name and disability detail) in a new column next to the Medical Conditions column.

#### Change to export

Student disabilities data will now be exported in the following export:

Admin Enquiry | Exports | Complete Student Information

A new Disability column has been added to the export, which prints disability name and disability detail.

## Admissions

### Issues resolved

- **Emails: The Contact Family email function incorrectly displayed contacts who had Receives Correspondence set to No**

## Analysis

### Improvements

- **The 2023 version of the NAPLAN importer for South Australia has been added**  
Analysis | Analysis Setup | Import
- **The state and national percentages for each proficiency in each area have been added for the 2024 NAPLAN data**  
Analysis | NAPLAN | Percentages in Groups Overall

## API

### Improvements

- **Added Intended Start Date field to 'studentEnrolmentDraft' API endpoint**

## Attendance

### Improvements

- **Added the ability to view Responses to Future Absence Requests within Future Absence Requests**  
School Attendance | Notifications | Future Absence Requests
- **Added ability to send push notifications for Future Absence Request responses**  
If a parent places a Future Absence Request via the Parent Portal, they will receive a push notification via the App if the parent has the settings enabled.  
School Attendance | Notifications | Future Absence Requests
- **Improved the performance of the loading of data on the Attendance Invalid Data Cleanup screen**  
School Attendance | Attendance Administration | Attendance Invalid Data Cleanup
- **The layout of the letter template screen has been improved and now includes a tool bar with formatting options, text size and categorised merge fields**  
School Attendance Setup | Letter Templates
- **Added a new option to the STATS export for Enrolments data to use Census Years rather than the year level codes**
- **Added a new option to the STATS export to download the student level reference data for validation purposes**

### Issues resolved

- **A lag was experienced when trying to save a partial absence that was created for a time outside of school hours**  
Partial absences outside of school hours will prompt an error message, giving the options to edit the absence or to cancel the entry

## Attendance PxP

### Improvements

- **Added a roll marking option to check a student out of sick bay and mark them as present in class**  
Sick bay entries were being deleted when a PxP entry marked a student as present, without them having been checked out of sick bay. This new option will allow the student to be marked present and have them checked out of sick bay instead of the sick bay entry being deleted.
- **Improved the display of rolls so that the current period remains the standard width when viewed on a large screen**

## Curriculum Reference

### Improvements

- **Victorian schools: A new repository for the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) curriculum has been added**  
Curriculum Reference | VPC | Years 11-12

## Enrolments

### Improvements

- **Added the ability to Quick Edit consents for students**  
Enrolments | Current Enrolments | Quick Edit
- **Added interim screen when creating new Staff to prevent blank records from being created**  
This aims to prevent the creation of blank entries caused by navigating between staff tabs.  
Enrolments | Manage Staff | Add New Staff
- **Visa: Added a missing Visa Class – Business Innovation & Investment (Class EC)**
- **Staff: Added a new popup when creating new Staff to request general staff details**  
The new popup shown when creating a new staff record will request the following details:
  - Title
  - First Name (mandatory)
  - Family Name
  - Middle Name
  - Date of Birth
  - Employment Status (mandatory)
  - Mobile Number
  - Username
  - Staff CodeEnrolments | Manage Staff | Add New Staff

### Issues resolved

- **Flags: The Medical Alert flag did not sync properly to the datalayer due to incorrect logic in reading which medical conditions were selected for the flag**
- **Moderation Queue: For certain applications, a random contact was added to a household when the incoming applicable was processed via the moderation queue**
- **Rollover: Proceeding with the rollover whilst another rollover was in progress would cause rollover timeouts**  
A new progress indicator will now be visible on the final page of the rollover wizard should a rollover be in progress. Users will not be able to start another rollover action unless they click the button to forcibly interrupt the current rollover or wait for the current rollover to complete.

## Fees and Billing

### New features

- **Students Register: Added the ability to filter by enrolment status**  
To filter the Students Register (Registers | Students Register) by enrolment status, tick the 'Have Enrolment Status' filter and select one or more enrolment statuses from the dropdown list. The search results will include students that have any of the specified enrolment statuses in any of the specified academic periods.

### Improvements

- **Added ability to send push notifications for invoices when they are published to the portal**  
When an invoice is published to the portal, parents will receive a push notification via the app if the school has enabled settings.  
Fees, Billing & Payments | Invoice Creation | Publish to Portal
- **Debtors/Contacts Register: Added 'Overall group' and 'Activities group' options to the Debtor Types filter**  
Registers | Debtors/Contacts Register
- **Debtor Overview: Added an option to hide linked students that are not enrolled in the current academic period**

- **Debtor Overview: Linked Students list displays enrolment status**

The Linked Students table in the Debtor Overview displays the enrolment status of each student in the current academic period. If a student does not have an enrolment record in the current academic period, the enrolment status from the latest academic period is displayed. The relevant academic period is displayed in brackets after the enrolment status. For example, 'Enrolled - Active (2024)'.

This change applies only to independent and ACT government schools.

- **Portal Payments [NSW DoE]: Added ability to save credit cards**

This change applies to NSW DoE schools only.

Parents can now save their credit card details to re-use for future payments through the Parent Portal.

To save credit card details, parents must tick the 'Save credit card details' checkbox on the Parent Portal | Payments screen before selecting the Make Payment button. When they enter their credit card details on the Customer Payment Platform's 'Make a payment' screen, they will be asked to agree to ongoing payments being charged to their credit card, and can optionally specify a maximum amount for subsequent payments.

To use a saved credit card for subsequent payments, parents can select it in the 'Select credit card' section on the Parent Portal | Payments screen before selecting the Make Payment button.

## Health

### New features

- **Disabilities: Student disabilities data from Enrolments is now available on certain screens and reports/exports**

#### Screen change

Student disabilities data is now visible on the Medical Records screen.

Health | Student | Medical Records

- A new Disabilities section is available which shows data including disability name, detail, receives funding value, and provides a download link if an attachment was uploaded against the disability in Enrolments.

#### Report changes

Student disabilities data can now be printed in the following reports:

- Existing ambulance report

- New ambulance report.

Health | Ambulance Register tab | Ambulance Register | Print existing or new ambulance report.

- A list of the student's disabilities (name only) has been added to the student summary section on the first page.

- A more detailed section for disabilities has added further into the report which outlines the disability name, disability detail and whether any funding was associated to the disability.

- Disabilities report

Health | Reports tab | Disabilities

- Generated report can now be saved as a Saved Report or exported in CSV format.

- Student External ID, Student First Name, Student Surname, Disability Name, Disability Details, Receives Funding data are available by default.

- Show Roll Class, Show Gender, Show House, Show School Year visibility options added for the report.

- Medical Emergency report

Health | Student | Print Medical Emergency report

- Disability data including disability name, details and receives funding value will now print in this report.

## Plan changes

Student disabilities data is now available in the following plans:

- Create a plan
- Edit a plan.

Health | Care Plans | Emergency Care / Health Care Plans | edit or create a plan

- A new Disabilities section has been added to show data including disability name, detail, receives funding value and provide a download link if an attachment was uploaded against the disability in Enrolments.
- The Print Plan PDF has also been updated to print the student's disabilities data.

## Issues resolved

- **User interface: Disabilities heading bar in the Emergency Care Plan PDF was formatted incorrectly, resulting in misalignment**

## Issue Tracking

### Issues resolved

- **Text: Website address and hyperlinks entered and saved against text fields will sometimes not display the entire URL text properly**

## Kiosk

### Issues resolved

- **Some Kiosk incursions were being deleted**

An additional option has been added when resolving PxP roll conflicts involving kiosk incursions. The new option will mark the student as present in class and check them out of the Kiosk incursion if they have not already been checked out. Using this option will prevent the incursion from being deleted.

## Messaging

### Issues resolved

- **Incorrect mobile number displayed in the portal messaging section**
- **Export: An error occurred for certain messages when the Export button in the Outbound Messages screen was selected**

## Portal

### New features

- **Added the ability to manage payment methods within Portal**

For schools using Sentral Pay, parents can now manage their payment methods independently of making a payment. Parents can add, remove and update any payments that are saved.

Portal | My Details | Payment Methods

### Improvements

- **Added a popup message that displays when medical certifications are being deleted**
- **Parents experienced slow performance while opening broadcasted message from the app**
- **Added a year filter for unread notifications**

### Issues resolved

- **Parents failed to send large documents from messages and absences sections, but system incorrectly displayed a success status**
- **Some student photos failed to appear in the parent app**
- **Improved overall process of updating personal details via the parent portal and app**

## Portal Console

### New features

- **Added Portal Coverage report**

This report provides advice and information on the number of students who are represented by a Parent on the Parent Portal.

Only for schools using Contact Keys

Portal Console | Portal Usage | Portal Coverage

### Improvements

- **Updated the sorting of contact keys screen**

### Issues resolved

- **An option to add a web link in the news feed was missing**
- **Schools were unable to view some contacts during the contact key migration process**

## REST API

- **Updated webhook event to support additional parameters**

Added new parameter filters to the webhook event get many endpoint:

- models
- createdAtFrom
- createdAtTo.

## Report Writer

### New feature

- **Disabilities: Enrolments student disability fields have been made available for selection when creating a report**

A new Disabilities sub-category has been added under the Enrolments category. The following fields have been made available under the new sub-category:

- Contact Code
- Name
- Details
- Care Plan Provided
- Receives Funding.

### Improvements

- **Disabilities: Updated the student delta sync to support student disabilities data**

## Sentral Pay

### Improvements

- **Security improvement: Enforced login before saving payment method details**

When parents click the 'Pay Now' link in a payment request notification email, they will need to log into the Parent Portal before they can save their credit card details. They will also need to log in before they can make a payment using saved credit card details, make a payment using a bank account, or set up a payment schedule. If they don't log in, they will still be able to make a once-off, real-time credit card payment, but they won't be able to save the credit card details.

In some instances, parents may need to re-save previously saved payment method details after logging into the Parent Portal.

- **Payment Schedules: Added the ability to filter by the number of instalments**

To filter the list of Payment Schedules by the number of instalments, navigate to the Sentral Pay > Payment Schedules screen, tick the 'Filter by number of instalments' checkbox, select 'One instalment', 'Multiple instalments' or 'Any number of instalments' from the dropdown list, then click the Apply Filters button.

This change applies to independent, ACT government and Victorian government schools only.

- **Payment Schedules: Added the ability for parents to change the payment method for an existing payment schedule in the Parent Portal**

This change applies to independent, ACT government and Victorian government schools only. To change the payment method for an existing payment schedule, parents can click the Open Payment Schedule button for the relevant payment request on the Parent Portal > Payments screen then select the new payment method from their list of saved payment methods. After selecting a new payment method, the transaction fees for the remaining instalments will be recalculated as appropriate. The parent will be able to view the details of the remaining instalments in the Payment Summary section. To apply the change to the payment schedule, they must tick the checkbox to agree to the Terms and Conditions of the Direct Debit Request and Service Agreement, then click the Update Schedule button.

- **Payment Schedules: Added ability for parents to change the Frequency of an existing payment schedule in the Parent Portal**

This change applies to independent, ACT government and Victorian government schools only. To change the Frequency of an existing payment schedule, parents can click the Open Payment Schedule button for the relevant payment request on the Parent Portal > Payments screen then select the new Frequency (Weekly, Fortnightly or Monthly). After selecting a new Frequency, the payment schedule's remaining instalments will be recalculated as appropriate based on the selected Frequency. The parent will be able to view the details of the remaining instalments in the Payment Summary section. To apply the change to the payment schedule, they must tick the checkbox to agree to the Terms and Conditions of the Direct Debit Request and Service Agreement, then click the Update Schedule button.

- **Added the ability for parents to make a once-off online payment for the remaining balance of an invoice that has an existing payment schedule**

This change applies only to independent, ACT government and Victorian government schools. If a parent makes an online payment for the remaining balance of an invoice, and the invoice has an existing payment schedule, the payment schedule's remaining instalments are automatically cancelled.

## Sentral Setup

### Issues resolved

- **Data sync: SAIS data sync incorrectly imported students where the status was 'ATERSA' and the Intended Start Date has not yet arrived**

SAIS data sync has been updated to import ATERSA students only when the Intended Start Date is current or past.

- **Browse Staff Photos: Clicking "Find all staff with photos" returned no results**

Sentral Setup | School Information | Staff Photos | Browse Staff Photos



## Student Profiles

### New features

- **Disabilities: Profiles V1 - Student disabilities data from Enrolments is now available on certain UIs and reports/exports**

#### Screen change

Student disabilities data will now be visible on the following screen:

- Profiles V1 | Student | Student Details tab | Medical

A new Disabilities section has been added to show data including disability name, detail, receives funding value and provide a download link if an attachment was uploaded against the disability in Enrolments.

The section named 'Medical Details' has been updated to 'Medicare Details' instead as this section will now only contain Medicare information.

#### Report changes

Student disabilities data will now be printed in the following reports:

- Profiles V1 | Reports | Class List

A new 'Show disabilities' option added for the report to support printing student disabilities data.

- Profiles V1 | Reports | Parent Details

Disabilities data including disability name and detail has been added to the printout for every student.

- Profiles V1 | Reports | Student Contact Card

Disabilities data including disability name and detail has been added to the printout for every student.

#### Export changes

Student disabilities data will now be available in the following export:

- Profiles V1 | Exports tab | Exports | Medical | Student Details

A new Disabilities column has been added that outputs the students' disabilities data including disability name and detail.

- **Disabilities: Profiles V2 - Student disabilities data from Enrolments is now available on certain UIs**

Student disabilities data will now be visible on the following screens:

- Profiles V2 | Student | Summary tab | Enrolment Summary

A new Disabilities section has been added to show data including disability name, detail, receives funding value and provide a download link if an attachment was uploaded against the disability in Enrolments.

- Profiles V2 | Student | Summary tab | Overview

A new Disabilities widget has been added that displays the student's disabilities data including disability name and detail. The widget is located on the right-hand side of the page.

- Profiles V2 | Student | Health tab | Medical Records

A new Disabilities section is available that shows data including disability name, detail, receives funding value and provide a download link if an attachment was uploaded against the disability in Enrolments.

## Wellbeing

### New features

- **Added additional columns to Incident Reports export to include Current and Historical Year Level and Roll Class**

Wellbeing | Reports | Incidents

### Improvements

- **NSW DoE schools: A confirmation dialog will appear when a Notice of Potential Expulsion is selected for a suspension**

Wellbeing | [Incident] | Suspension | Notice of Potential Expulsion

- **Incident Print Summary now displays the historic year level of students when printing previous calendar year incidents**

Wellbeing | Incident | [selected incident] | Print Summary button