Release Notes

Version 24.7.2-p3
Release date 9/12/2024

Enrolments

Issues resolved

- **Student Codes: Students created via the API did not properly check to ensure the student code being assigned wasn't already in use by another student**

Wellbeing

Issues resolved

- **The query to find the school days since a suspension was causing performance issues for schools with lots of suspension data**

  Improved the performance of retrieving the counts for current and expired suspensions.

Version 24.7.2-p2
Release date 6/12/2024

- **Internal**

Version 24.7.2-p1
Release date 4/12/2024

Academic Reports

Issues resolved

- **Student names were not capitalised correctly on printed reports**
- **Progression Point Breakdown: The headings were misaligned on printed reports for EAL Pathway B**
- **An error occurred when printing progression point components for non-Victorian Curriculum progression points**
- **Comments were cut off on the left hand side for General Comments in the data entry section**

Version 24.8.0
Release date 9/12/2024

Academic Reports

Improvements

- **Course Results component: Added settings for unmarked results to the component in subject layouts**

  These settings have been added to the Course Result component:

  — Show Unmarked Results
  — Treat zero scores as unmarked
  — Unmarked Results Title

- **Subject Name component: Improved the functionality for the option to 'Show Schema Name Instead'**

  — When the setting=Yes, the subject will print with Schema name.
  — When the setting=No, the subject will print with Subject name.
  — When the setting=Schema, the subject will print using the setting specified in the faculty schema.

Issues resolved

- **Victorian Schools: An error occurred when attempting to import the new VCE-VM subjects**

Activities

Improvements

- **Publish to Portal: New fees/invoices will not be created and published for students who have existing fees/invoices for the activity**

  These changes apply to independent, ACT government and NSW government school only.

  — When an activity is published (or re-published) as Payment Only or Permission & Payment, new fees/invoices will no longer be created and published to the Parent Portal for students who already have active fees/invoices linked to the selected cycle instance of the activity. Instead, the existing fees/invoices will be published to the Parent Portal for those students. New fees/invoices will still be created and published to the Parent Portal for students who do not already have active fees/invoices linked to the selected cycle instance of the activity.

  — On the Publish to Portal screen, the 'Existing fees/invoices' section displays how many students have existing active fees/invoices that will be published, and provides a link to view those fees/invoices. The 'Create new fees/invoices' section displays the number of students for whom new fees/invoices will be created, and provides a link to view those students.

  These changes mean that you will no longer need to cancel/void and recreate fees/invoices if you need to unpublish and re-publish an activity.

- **Unpublish from Portal: Ability to unpublish activities with online payments**

  Activities with one or more online payments can now be unpublished from the Parent Portal. When an activity is unpublished, unpaid payment requests will be removed from the Parent Portal but paid and partially paid payment requests will remain visible.

- **Archiving an activity will automatically unpublish linked invoices/payment requests from the Parent Portal**

- **Publish to Portal [Victorian government]: New payment requests will not be created and published for students who have existing payment requests for the activity**

  This change applies to Victorian government schools only.

  — When an activity is published as Payment Only or Permission & Payment, new payment requests will no longer be created for students who already have active payment requests linked to the selected cycle instance of the activity. Instead, the existing payment requests will be used for those students. New payment requests will still be created for students who do not already have payment requests linked to the selected cycle instance of the activity.

  — On the Publish to Portal screen, the 'Existing payment requests' section displays how many students have existing payment requests, and provides a link to view those payment requests. The 'Create new payment requests' section displays the number of students for whom new payment requests will be created, and provides a link to view those students.

Issues resolved

- **Archived activities still appeared in 'My Activities'**
- **Some schools using SafeTripBuilder for risk assessment in Activities were experiencing issues**
- **Timed activity roll synced to Attendance incorrectly as a Whole Day absence**

Attendance

New features

- **When the Activities Roll setting 'Create attendance absence on activities roll submit' is set to Yes, submitting an Activities roll will now update existing Attendance records**

  Previously, activities rolls would create new absences in Attendance but would not update existing absences. Now, regardless of when the activities roll is submitted, it will always update Attendance.

Core\Authentication

Issues resolved

- **MFA: The QR code image that should be available when setting up multi-factor authentication for a user was missing**

Core\Data Sync

Improvement

- **SAIS: Added support to ensure roll classes still active at the end of Term 4 are captured to continue syncing as active up to SAIS due to Department requirement.**

  Only applicable for NSW DoE schools that have chosen Sentral as the master vendor.

Curriculum Reference

New features

- **Added the new stage 6 Health and Movement Science subject to the NSW AC Digital Curriculum 11-12 repository**
- **Victorian Schools: Added the outcomes and elaborations for English 2.0 to a new VCAA 2.0 repository**

  English 2.0 is to be implemented in 2025. The new VCAA repository also contains Mathematics 2.0 as well as subjects which may be optionally implemented in 2025.

Improvements

- **Reorganised the NSW AC Digital Curriculum Life Skills Repository into separate repositories for 7-10 and 11-12**

  To simplify the importing of life skills subjects into an Academic reporting period, there are now separate repositories for NSW AC Digital Curriculum Life Skills 7-10 and NSW AC Digital Curriculum Life Skills 11-12.

Enrolments

Improvements

- **Updated ACT Student NCCD Records export to include Exit Date of Latest NCCD Record**

  Enrolments | Export | Australian Capital Territory | Student NCCD Records
- **Added the ability to export results when running NCCD Rollover**

  Enrolments | Setup | Tasks | NCCD Rollover

Issues resolved

- **Households: The edit interface for editing a household address would attempt to load indefinitely if the address country was set to Papua New Guinea**
- **Households: Changes to household fields, such as phone numbers or email addresses, were not captured in the Household Change Log**
- **Flags: The comment for the Medical Alert flag failed to show the full medical condition type name**

  The Medical Alert flag will now output in the comment 'Allergy/Anaphylaxis' instead of just 'Allergy'.

Fees and Billing

New features

- **Simplified the Statement of Account section in the Parent Portal for NSW DoE schools**

  This change applies to NSW DoE schools only.

  The Statement of Account section on the Payments screen in the Parent Portal for NSW DoE schools now displays the Outstanding and Available Credit totals only. Parents can generate a detailed statement of account PDF by clicking the Open Statement of Account PDF button.
- **Statement of Account: Ability to specify a year (e.g. 2024) when generating and emailing statements of account**
  - To generate statements of account in bulk for a specific year, tick the relevant debtors/contacts in the Debtors/Contacts Register and select Actions | Generate Statement

of Account, then select the required year on the confirmation pop-up and click the Generate PDF button.

  — To email statements of account for a specific year, tick the relevant debtors/contacts in the Debtors/Contacts Register and select Actions | Email Statements of Account to selected Debtors /Contacts then select the required year on the confirmation pop-up and click the Send emails button.

- **Added the ability to generate statements of account that include outstanding fees only**

  This change applies to NSW DoE schools only.

  — To generate a statement of account that includes outstanding fees only from the Contact Overview, tick the 'Include outstanding fees only' checkbox in the Statement of Account section then click the Generate button. The 'Include outstanding fees only' checkbox is ticked by default.

  — To generate statements of account that include outstanding fees only in bulk, tick the required contacts in the Contacts Register and select Actions | Generate Statement of Account, then tick the 'Include outstanding fees only' checkbox and click the Generate PDF button.

  — To email statements of account that include outstanding fees only from the Contacts Register, tick the required contacts in the Contacts Register and select Actions | Email Statements to selected Contacts, then tick the 'Include outstanding fees only' checkbox and click the Send emails button.

  — If you choose to attach a statement of account when emailing outstanding fees from the Contacts Register (Actions | Email outstanding fees to selected Contacts), the statement of account will always include outstanding fees only.

  — If your school allows parents to generate statements of account from the Parent Portal, these statements will always include outstanding fees only.

- **Debtor Overview: Provided the ability to attach files to a debtor record**

  — To view the list of files attached to a debtor record, open the Debtor Overview and click the Files tab in the right-hand pane.

  The three most recently uploaded files are displayed. Click **Show More** to see all uploaded files in a searchable and sortable list.

  — To upload a new file, drag and drop the file onto the area provided, or click the area to browse for a file. Files must be no larger than 5MB in size, and must be in one of the following formats: txt, doc, docx, gif, png, jpg, jpeg, pdf, csv

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Improvements

- **Debtor Creation: A new debtor will not be created if a debtor contact for an existing 'household' debtor moves to a different household**

  If one of the debtor contacts for an existing 'household' debtor moves to a different household, the existing 'household' debtor will be converted into a 'group' debtor, and all of the original 'household' debtor's invoices, payments and credits notes will remain linked to the 'group' debtor. A new debtor record will not be created to represent the 'group' debtor.

- **Debtor Overview: Added the ability to 'merge' debtors in Sentral after they have been merged in Xero**

  This feature is available only for schools independent and ACT government schools that integrate Fees, Billing & Payments with Xero.

  If a debtor has been merged into another debtor in Xero, a message displays at the top of the Debtor Overview in Sentral. Clicking the link in this message will give you the option to merge the two debtors in Sentral. If you choose to merge the debtors, the current debtor's invoices, payments, credit notes, overpayments and prepayments will all be linked to the other debtor identified in the message.

- **Payment Schedules: Added 'Failed' option to 'Filter by Schedule Status' filter**

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

  Selecting the 'Failed' option in the Filter by Schedule Status filter on the Sentral Pay | Payment Schedules screen will display payment schedules where one or more instalments display 'Failed' in the Synced column.
- **Invoice/Fee Register: Added an 'Invoice/Fee Paid Date' filter**

  If the 'Invoice/Fee Paid Date' filter is ticked in the Invoice/Fee Register (Registers | Invoice/Fee Register), the results will only include invoices/fees that became fully paid within the specified date range (inclusive). The Invoice/Fee Paid Date will also be included in the Invoice/Fee Register export. If an invoice/fee was paid via multiple partial payments, the Invoice/Fee Paid Date is the date of the final payment.

Issues resolved

- **Payments Register: 'Fully Refunded' flag appeared before the requested refund had completed successfully**

Health

Issues resolved

- **Alerts: Discarding a stock item via the Alerts popup dialog did not show the proper discard prompt asking for the discard reason**
- **Medications: The expiry date shown for student medications created from Enrolments did not show the correct date**

Integrations

Improvements

- **Added an interface that lists the users being sent to Lifeskills Go via LISS**

  Users can use this information to help debug errors.
- **Added a new LISS Endpoint - Get Users that retrieves the list of users available in the tenant as well as their access level**
- **Added new OneRoster endpoints to support integration with Microsoft Intune**

Issues resolved

- **LISS calls were not using the correct tenant in an Enterprise environment when using service accounts**

Messaging

New features

- **Scheduling: Added the ability to schedule a message to be sent at a specified date in the future**

  When composing an email or SMS message via Messaging | Send Messages | Send SMS & Email, users can now elect to schedule the message to be sent at a later date and time. Scheduled messages can be modified or cancelled as long as it has not been sent.

  Once a scheduled message has been successfully sent, it will be visible in Outbound Messages.

Portal

Improvements

- **Updated App navigation behaviour so that parents stay on the Activity consent screen after clicking Submit, or return to the previous screen if they select X to close**
- **Added a 'counter' to display the number of absences next to the Absences menu option in the Portal Console**

Issues resolved

- **Interview newsfeed status incorrectly displayed as ‘Action Required’ after the registration window had passed**
- **Medical amendment forms in the Parent Portal did not have an option to mark severity against all medical conditions**
- **Updating activity responses through the API did not update the permission given in Activities**
- **Admin links displayed to Parents when Activities were added to the Portal calendar**

Portal Console

Improvements

- **Parents can now submit medical amendment requests for school defined medical conditions**
- **Added a 'counter' to display the number of absences next to the Absences menu option in the Portal Console**

Issues resolved

- **Users were unable to add new medical information due to restrictions on the character numbers allowed in the doctor's phone number field**
- **Prospective parents were receiving feed notifications that were sent to All Year K students**
- **Information only activities: The red bar and 'Actioned' flag were still displaying for activities marked as actioned**

REST API

Improvements

- **Added new filters, attributes and relationships for coreClasses, coreSubjects, timetableClasses and timetableSubjects**

  See API Documentation for more details.
- **New filters to student-academic-report endpoint - years, semesters and periods have been added**
- **Added staff management endpoints for soft deleting staff and staff employment records in the Enrolments module**
- **Added a coreStudent relationship to the MarkbookColumnMark model**
- **Future Absences can now accept an optional sender relationship to link to existing Portal users**
- **Added a new endpoint to retrieve related assignment marks for an academic report class cohort**

Report Writer

Issues resolved

- **Activities: Generating a report around active student attendees in Activities did not properly exclude inactive students**

Sentral Pay

New features

- **Payment Schedules: Ability to create pre-defined templates for online payment schedules**

  This feature is available to independent and ACT government schools only.

  Payment schedule templates enable schools to define the options that will be available to parents when they are setting up payment schedules in the Parent Portal.

  To view a list of available payment schedule templates, navigate to Setup Fees, Billing & Payments | Payment Schedule Templates. By default, there are 3 templates available. These templates support the existing Weekly, Fortnightly and Monthly options that are currently available to parents.

  To add a new payment schedule template, click the Add Payment Schedule Template button and enter the details of the new template.

  During invoice creation (Standalone Invoice, Billing Run, or Invoice from Fees), if the existing Allow Online Payment Schedules option is set to Yes, the Payment Schedule Templates field can be used to select the options that will be available to parents when they set up a payment schedule for those invoices in the Parent Portal. Any templates with Is Default set to Yes will be selected by default in the Payment Schedule Templates field during invoice creation, but these default selections can be modified before completing the invoice creation process.

  On the Payments screen in the Parent Portal, the existing Frequency field dropdown will include only the payment schedule templates that were specified during the creation of the selected invoice.

Improvements

- **Settlements: Total of settled refunds displayed on Sentral Pay | Settlements screen**

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

Issues resolved

- **Settlements: Bank Transfer amount was incorrect if settlement included refunds that were initiated in the Ezidebit online portal**

  This issue only affected independent and ACT government schools.

  Sentral Pay | Settlements

Sentral Setup

Issues resolved

- **Roll Classes: Certain schools experienced an import error for roll classes where the staff ID became the name of a new roll class when they were responsible for another different roll class**
- **Access: Users assigned with Administrator level permissions could not access the Enterprise Setup module**

Student Profiles

Issues resolved

- **Households: The letter suffix attached to the label showing Household A, Household B or Household C caused confusion when a household code was already displayed**

  Households where Sentral is able to source an actual household code will no longer display with a lettered suffix. Households where the code cannot be sourced will retain using the lettered suffix.

  For example, 'Household A: AAA001' will now display as 'Household: AAA001'

  For example, 'Household A' will continue to display as 'Household A'.

Timetables

Improvements

- **Added a new option for LISS to stop the automatic populating of teachers into Timetables when a getTeachers call is made**

Issues resolved

- **SAIS: The SAIS data sync for NSW DoE schools did not always push timetable subjects data when certain timetable packages were in use**

  SAIS only accepts calls to TimeTableSubjects with a specific casing format. Sentral's references to this endpoint have been updated to ensure we're consistent with the casing prior to sending data through.

Wellbeing

Improvements

- **Bulk rescheduling of detentions no longer fails when at least one student is already assigned to the rescheduled detention**

  When bulk rescheduling detentions, if one or more students have already been assigned to the rescheduled detention, the remaining students are rescheduled, and no error occurs. A message displays to indicate which students were not able to be rescheduled so that they can be rescheduled to a different detention.