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Release Notes

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Academic Reports

New Features

- **Added the ability to send Academic Reports and Publish to Portal Feed at the same time**
  Once Academic Reports have been published, users will have the ability to email the reports to parents and publish a notice to the portal feed in the same action. This option will only be available if the reports haven't already sent a Portal Feed notification.
  Academic Reports | Publish Reports | Email to Parents

- **Two new templates for NSW DoE Primary schools have been provided; one for kindergarten and one for years 1 - 6**
  To import the templates, navigate to Academic Reports | Academic Reports Setup | Layout | Report Templates | New Report Template | Import Template

Improvements

- **The subject link and strand links for English 2.0 will be added automatically when importing the subject from the VCAA 2.0 curriculum repository**
- **Update to naming of ACT EAL/D Progression Points**
  ACT Only

Core Platform

Issues Resolved

- **Updated the position of the group headers on the school selection page**

Activities

New Features

- **We've implemented a WYSIWYG editor in the Activity Event Details section to enhance the user experience by allowing more intuitive and visually accurate content formatting.**

Issues Resolved

- **Teachers were unable to submit the roll in Activities when there was one or more student suspension-related data, resulting in a page error**

Admissions

Issues Resolved

- **UI: Schools that had a long school name would display unnaturally on the Admissions dashboard**
  Truncated long school names in the filter options to stop them from being placed under the main content

Api

Improvements

- **Updated the Student Transfer API endpoint to make the existing departure record inactive and create a new record if the student had already been departed**

Attendance

New Features

- **The ability to mark a travel route roll has been added**
  School Attendance | Travel | Daily Lists and Rolls

Improvements

- **Added the ability to select multiple cohorts when creating Bulk Absences**

  School Attendance | Attendance Administration | Bulk Absences

Continuum Tracker

Improvements

- **VCAA Mathematics 2.0 standards continuum is now available**

Core\Authentication

Issues Resolved

- **Fixed custom background login images not appearing when there was an error logging in**

Core\Data Sync

Issues Resolved

- **Student History: For certain future students, the student history data was incorrectly updated for the student when they haven't started at the school**
- **SAIS: Staff with missing details that are required by NSW DoE were incorrectly synchronised, causing errors on DoE systems**
- **The data sync failed to complete for certain schools that operate with overlapping academic periods**

Curriculum Reference

Improvements

- **The VET subject Manufacturing and Engineering - Introduction has been added to the NSW VET 11-12 repository in the VET Board Endorsed Courses section**
- **The subject name in the NSW AC Digital Curriculum Life Skills 7-10 repository has been updated from Modern Languages to Modern Languages Life Skills**

Enrolments

New Features

- **Added new report for multi-tenanted schools to report on students transfer for future academic periods**

  Enrolments | Exports | General | Student New School List

- **Roll Classes: Added ability to assign multiple staff members against a roll class**

Improvements

- **Changed the default for creating a new Class within Enrolments to use the Academic Period selected in the Filter**

  Enrolments | Manage Classes | Classes | Add Class

- **Removed the ability to edit the academic period for a class or roll class within enrolments**

  Once a roll class or class has been assigned to an Academic Period, it can no longer be re-assigned to another Academic Period. Users will still be able to modify other attributes.

  Enrolments | Manage Classes | Roll Classes

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Issues Resolved

- **Export: The Attrition export displayed incorrect active student counts as it failed to properly account for the students' exit date**
- **Exports: The Address Collection export didn't output the address Property Name ahead of the street number resulting in an incorrect address output if Property Name data was provided**
- **Filters: The Class Of filter on the Former Students page didn't display all students that match the Class Of data**

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- **Exports: The ACARA SBD export contained blank entries when it should be populated with a default value even if no data was found**

  Export has been updated to ensure all field data is populated even if it needs to be the default value specified by ACARA specifications should no data be available in Enrolments. E.g. If no data for the second parent was available, the Parent 2 School Education field will be populated with a 0 which represents Not Stated/Unknown.
  The help text on the export page has also been updated to reflect the new changes.

- **Students: Updated logic to ensure the FTE warning message is shown only when there's an enrolment record for the student that covers the current date**

- **Exports: The ACARA SBD export was not including certain students that had an enrolment status of Enrolled - Leaving**

Enterprise Console

Improvements

- **UI: Added the ability to adjust the size of the school tiles on the school select page**

Enterprise Setup

New Features

- **Audits: Introduce UI for view application auditing data and emails**

Fees and Billing

New Features

- **Setup: Added groups and search to Fees, Billing & Invoicing Settings screen**

  Setup | Fees, Billing & Payments/Finance Setup | Fees, Billing & Invoicing Settings

  The fields on this screen have been organised into expandable and collapsible groups.

  To search for a setting, you can also type into the Search field at the top right of the page.

- **Debtor/Contact Fees Billing: Added the ability to exclude debtors/contacts based on a flag**

  For independent and ACT government schools:

  To exclude debtors from a Debtor Fees Billing run based on a flag, navigate to Billing | Debtor Fees Billing and select one or more flags in the Exclude Debtor Flags field.

  For NSW government schools:

  To exclude contacts from a Contact Fees Billing run based on a flag, navigate to Billing | Contact Fees Billing and select one or more flags in the Exclude Contact Flags field.

Improvements

- **Standalone Invoice: Ability to specify multiple line items**

  This change applies to independent and ACT government schools only.

  Use the Line Items section on the Standalone Invoice creation screen (Invoice Creation | Standalone Invoice) to specify the Description, Account, Tax Rate, Cost Centres and Amount for each line item.

  The Item field is optional. You can use it to prepopulate a line item's details based on a fee item from the school's fee structure. If required, you can modify the pre-populated line item details for the current invoice e.g. by changing the Description or Amount.

  To add additional line items, click the Add Line Item option.

  Multiple line items can also be specified when creating an Invoice + Receipt (Invoice Creation | Invoice + Receipt).

- **Billing | Billing menu item has been renamed to Billing | Student Fees Billing**

  This change applies to independent and ACT government schools only.

- **Student Overview: Display enrolment status**

  The student's enrolment status from the current academic period is now displayed in the Student Overview summary at the top of the left-hand menu.

  This change applies to independent and ACT government schools only.

Health

Issues Resolved

- **Plans: The Emergency Care plan pdf when printed didn't display a placeholder photo if there was no photo uploaded for the student**

Interviews

New Features

- **Added a confirmation email to contacts when placing a manual Interview booking on their behalf.**

  Interviews | Manage Bookings | Confirm Appointments

- **Added the ability to view details and cancel an individual booking**

  When viewing the Bookings Overview page, users can now see the student, parent and time associated with the booking by click on the booking. In cases where the teacher is unable to attend the booking, users can also cancel the booking timeslot and make it unavailable for rebooking.
  Interviews | Bookings Overview

Issues Resolved

- **Admin duration is reset when an interview is edited**

Kiosk

New Features

- **A new feature has been introduced, allowing teachers and staff members to check in and out of the school premises via the kiosk. This addition aims to streamline attendance tracking and improve operational efficiency**

Markbook

Improvements

- **Schoolbox integration: An option to import not-rated results as 0 or NR when importing rubric data has been added**

Messaging

Improvements

- **Messages: A new setting called Hide Automated Return Email has been added to allow control over where the automated Return Email can be used when composing an email**

  The new setting is now available in Messaging > Setup Messaging > General Settings. If the new setting is set to Yes, it will prevent users from selecting the automated return email address when composing an email from Messaging module.

Issues Resolved

- **Search: A name search for a contact to add as a recipient sometimes failed despite the full name being entered**

Portal

Improvements

- **View-only Parent Portal impersonation feature to enhance staff communication awareness**

  To address the current communication gap between school staff and families, we implemented a view-only impersonation feature within the portal system. This functionality allows authorised staff to access the platform as a parent without the ability to modify any data. This view-only access provides staff with full visibility of communications sent to parents, enabling them to:

  — Confirm what information has been sent and when (e.g. regarding temporary library closures or changes to school operations).
  — Confidently respond to parent queries, especially in situations where timely and accurate information is critical (e.g. excursion details).

— Eliminate reliance on makeshift solutions, such as creating dummy student and parent accounts, which are inefficient, inflate enrolment data, and introduce potential risks to data integrity.

This enhancement ensures consistency in communication, improve staff preparedness, and align with the broader goal of supporting informed and coordinated interactions across the school community.

Issues Resolved

- **Selecting an interview slot from an interview session with the "N/A" option enabled and clicking the "Request an Interpreter" checkbox resulted in a page error**

Portal Console

New Features

- **We've introduced a new option to send portal newsfeed posts to specific cohorts by filtering based on student flags, enabling more targeted and relevant communication**

Issues Resolved

- **Staff were unable to view images in the email linked to the published newsfeed**

  A link to the newsfeed has now been added, allowing staff members to view images and attachments directly via the newsfeed

- **Account detail updates submitted via the parent app were not received as amendment requests**

Purchase Orders

Improvements

- **Export: Added purchase order status to export file**

  Reports | Export

Student Profiles

Improvements

- **Added the ability to view uploaded NAPLAN reports and Academic Reports in Profiles when using Student History function**

  Profiles | Student | Analysis | NAPLAN

  Profiles | Student | Academic Reports | Published Reports

- **Added the ability to export a summary of uploaded NAPLAN files**

  Profiles | Setup | Uploads | Upload NAPLAN Files

Issues Resolved

- **Reports: An error occurred when generating the Parent Details report in Profiles V1 if the report's By Class option was used**
- **Flags: When editing the student assignment for manual flags, the bulk message configured would override any existing message for the pre-existing students already assigned to the flag**

  Add a new on save prompt that asks the user if the bulk message configured against the flag should override pre-existing flag messages or not.

- **Reports: Using the Class filter to generate the Class List report resulted in an error being shown**

Wellbeing

Improvements

- **Quick incidents will now add awards automatically to eligible students where the incident type has an award follow up action set to be always selected**
- **An improvement has been made to the Incident report export for N-Awards so that details are now displayed correctly**