SENTRAL

Release Notes

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Core Platform

Issues resolved

- **UI: Selecting certain links at the top of some Sentral screens was not possible if users 'zoomed in'**

Academic Reports

New features

- **API: New endpoints were added for Course Results**

Improvements

- **Updated styling of Faculty Schema configuration for ease of viewing**

  Academic Reports | Setup | Faculty Schemas | Edit

- **Renamed the link for English 2.0 on the VCAA subject link to make it easier to differentiate between English and English 2.0**

  This change applies for Victorian schools.

  Previously, when linking a subject to the VCAA link in Academic Reports, both English and English 2.0 were appearing as English.

  Schools will need to use the English link (not the English 2.0 link) to ensure progression shows correctly. This link has the correct reporting code for the export to CASES21.

Activities

New features

- **Added the ability to optionally increase the number of students visible within an Excursion or Activity to more than 50**

- **Updated the display of Permission Given flags on Activity Rolls**

  When printing or viewing a roll within Activities, if Permission Given flags are visible, the students can be sorted within the roll display.

  Additionally, if the Permission Given flags are shown, students who have been excluded or have no permission, will be displayed in a separate table underneath students with permission or no response.

Improvements

- **Expanded the Address fields for Activity Venues**

  Venue address information is now captured in Street, Suburb, State and Postcode fields instead of the single address field.

  Activities | Setup | Venues

- **Added the ability to make a field within an Approval Form or Risk Assessment mandatory**

  Activities | Setup | Approval/Risk Assessment | Add Field

- **Added the ability to configure a dropdown field within Activity Approval Forms and Risk Assessment templates**

  Activities | Setup | Approval/Risk Assessment | Add Field

- **Added a new setting that controls whether to show or hide the Programs card on the Activities module home screen**

  Activities | Activities Setup | Setup | Settings | Show Programs Dashboard Card

- **Added the ability to associate a specific Approval Form or Risk Assessment Template with an Approval Step with an Approval Workflow**

  Users who are submitting an activity or excursion for approval will be prompted to create the relevant approval form prior to submitting for approval

  Activities | Setup | Approval Workflow | Approval Forms

- **Added the ability to Return to Activity Creator once a step has been approved within an Activity Workflow**

  Workflows can now optionally return to the Activity Creator after a step in the Activity Approval Workflow has been approved. This enables creators to provide additional information as needed before proceeding to the next step in the Approval Workflow.

  Activities | Setup | Approval Workflows | Edit Approval Workflow Step

Analysis

Improvements

- **Added the PAT Science Adaptive importer**

  Analysis Setup | Imported files

API

Improvements

- **Added a new endpoint: attendance/percentage-attendance/<student_id>-<year> to return the calendar year and term attendance percentages**

Attendance

New features

- **Travel Daily Rolls: Added an option under 'Printing and Export' to only show student exceptions when printing/exporting**

  Attendance | Travel | Daily | Printing and Exports right side menu

Improvements

- **Students who transfer from one year level to another, where the original year level has non-attendance days but the new year level does not, will have their attendance records for the historical non-attendance days maintained**

  Previously the attendance records for the historical non-attendance days were converted to 'Present'.

- **Added a new Attendance configuration setting called 'Notify Users with Unsubmitted Rolls'**

  When the setting 'Notify Users with Unsubmitted Rolls' is set to **Yes**, teachers with unsubmitted rolls will be notified automatically at 3 pm each day.

- **Updated the font used for student names on interactive rolls to be the same as the font used elsewhere in Sentral**

- **Updated the formatting of the printed travel rolls**

Continuum Tracker

Issues resolved

- **Parents could not access continuum tracker data in the parent portal**

Curriculum Reference

Improvements

- **The Certificate III in Sports Coaching subject and outcomes have been added to the NSW VET 11-12 curriculum repository**

- **Added all subjects to NSW AC Digital Curriculum Repository for 2026**

Enrolments

Improvements

- **Updated the ordering of Household information within the Student Details modal to reflect Contact Priority Ordering**
- **Exports: Added the staff House field to the various exports in Enrolments**

  The staff House field is now an exportable field for the following exports:
  - Staff List
  - Adhoc Exports
- **Name: Added an Alternate Name field for students to allow the recording of a non-English name**

  The alternate name will display in various locations throughout Sentral when the student record is displayed. For example, in most modules where the student profile it loaded, should an alternate name be recorded, it will be displayed on the top left under the student's main name field.

  The alternate name field can be used for example to store the name in Chinese font / pingyin format.
- **Contacts: New feature added to support adding leave records against a contact linked to a student**

  In Enrolments | [student] | Associated Contacts, you can now add an absence against a contact by clicking the **More** button and selecting **Contact Absences**. Should the current day fall within a contact's absence record, the contact will be flagged with an 'On Leave' permission bubble. The 'On Leave' permission will be visible in other areas of Sentral, similar to other contact permissions such as Primary Contact, Residential Guardian, Emergency Contact, Receives Absences.
- **Medical: The word 'AIR' has been removed from selection values in the Vaccination/Immunisation Status dropdown**

Issues resolved

- **Exports: The Address Collection export will now use the student's contact ordering priority to determine which household to export if the student is linked to multiple households where the Residential Status of the households is set to 'Shared'**
- **Staff: Employment status for staff couldn't always be updated successfully**

Fees and Billing

New features

- **Flags: Added the ability to add or remove debtor/contact flags in bulk**

  For Independent and ACT government schools:
  - To add or remove debtor flags in bulk, navigate to Setup | Fees, Billing & Invoicing Setup | Fee Structures | Flags, and click the **Manage Debtors** button for the relevant flag to open the Manage Debtors screen.
  - To add the flag to one or more debtors, search for and tick the required debtor(s) in the Find Debtors section, then click the **Add Selected** button to select them, or search for the Debtor(s) by name in the Search Debtor field.
  - To remove the flag from one or more debtors, tick the appropriate students in the Selected Debtors section, then click the **Remove Selected** button.

  For NSW government schools:
  - To add or remove contact flags in bulk, navigate to Setup | Finance Setup | Fee Structures | Flags and click the **Manage Contacts** button for the relevant flag to open the Manage Contacts screen.
  - To add the flag to one or more contacts, search for and tick the required contact(s) in the Find Contacts section then click the **Add Selected** button to select them, or search for the Contact(s) by name in the Search Contact field.
  - To remove the flag from one or more contacts, tick the appropriate students in the Selected Contacts section then click the **Remove Selected** button.

- **Cash Flow Analysis: Navigate to related debtors**

  This change applies to independent and ACT government schools only.

  Clicking the 'Unpaid and Unscheduled' section of the Cash Flow Analysis chart on the Fees, Billing & Payments home screen opens the Debtors Register to display a list of the debtors with unpaid and unscheduled invoices from the selected year.

- **Alerts: Overpaid Invoices/Fees**

  The Alerts section on the Fees, Billing & Payments/Finance home screen displays an Overpaid Invoices/Fees alert. This alert displays the number of invoices/fees that became overpaid today, and the number of invoices/fees that became overpaid in the last 7 days. Note that this alert will only include invoices/fees that become overpaid after Sentral is updated to version 25.4.0. For example, if an invoice/fee became overpaid the day before Sentral was updated to version 25.4.0, it would not be counted in the Overpaid Invoices/Fees alert for the last 7 days.

- **Payment Schedules: Customise reminder notifications for upcoming instalments**

  This change applies to independent and ACT government schools only.

  — To review and customise the content of the reminder notification emails that are sent to debtors regarding upcoming payment schedule instalments, navigate to Setup | Fees, Billing & Payments Setup | Notification Templates and select Edit or Preview for the Upcoming Instalment Reminder template.

  — To customise the timing of these notification emails, navigate to Setup | Fees, Billing & Payments Setup | Online Payment Settings and update the 'Send Upcoming Payment Schedule Instalment Notifications' setting.

- **Payment Schedules: Automatically retry dishonoured instalments**

  This change applies to independent and ACT government schools only.

  — To automatically retry dishonoured payment schedule instalments, navigate to Setup | Fees, Billing & Payments Setup | Online Payment Settings, and set the 'Automatically retry dishonoured payment schedule instalments' setting to Yes. This will display the 'Automatically retry dishonoured instalments in' and 'Number of automatic retries' fields.

    Use the 'Automatically retry dishonoured instalments in' field to set the required number of days between retries. Use the 'Number of automatic retries' field to set the number of times that a dishonoured instalment will be retried. Note that only 'dishonoured' instalments will be retried automatically. 'Fatal dishonoured' instalments will not be retried.

Improvements

- **Dynamics Sync: Invoice sync errors are removed from display in Sentral if the issue is subsequently resolved in Dynamics**

  This change applies only to independent schools that integrate Fees, Billing & Payments with Microsoft Dynamics.

  If a sync error was displayed for an invoice in Sentral because something was preventing the invoice from being posted in Dynamics, then the issue was subsequently resolved in Dynamics and the invoice was posted successfully, the sync error was still displaying in Sentral, even after the invoice had been updated from Dynamics. Updating the invoice in Sentral (Registers | Invoice Register | Actions | Update Invoices from Dynamics) now removes the previous sync error from display in Sentral if it no longer applies.

- **Refunds Register [NSW DoE]: Export filtered results**

  This change applies to NSW government schools only.

  To export the filtered results of the Refunds Register to a csv file, navigate to Registers | Refunds Register, apply any required filters, then click the Export button.

- **Cash Flow Analysis: Refresh latest data**

  This change applies to independent and ACT government schools only.

  To refresh the data in the Cash Flow Analysis section of the Fees, Billing & Payments home screen, click the refresh icon to the right of the 'Last refreshed' date and time.

- **Added student's year level and student code to student selection lists**

  For independent and ACT government schools:

  A student's year level and student code are displayed alongside the student's name in the student selection lists on the following screens:

  — Billing | Student Fees Billing

  — Invoice Creation | Standalone Invoice

  — Invoice Creation | Invoice + Receipt

  — Invoice Adjustments | Subsidies | Add New Subsidy

  — Fees, Billing & Payments Setup | Flags | Manage Students

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  — A student's year level and student code are displayed alongside the student's name in the student selection lists on the following screens:

  — Fee Creation | Student Billing Run

  — Fee Creation | Standalone Fee

  — Fee Creation | Fee + Receipt

  — Subsidies | Subsidies | Add New Subsidy

  — Finance Setup | Flags | Manage Students.

- **Publish Activity: Specify the tax rate for each invoice line item**

  This change applies to independent and ACT government schools only.

  When publishing an activity as 'Payment only' or 'Permission & Payment', the Tax Rate can now be specified directly for each line item. The Tax Amount is also calculated and displayed based on the specified Tax Rate and Amount (Tax Inclusive).

- **Alerts: Dishonoured scheduled payments alert includes 'Failed' payments**

  This change applies to independent and ACT government schools only.

  The 'Dishonoured scheduled payments' alert in the Alerts section of the Fees, Billing & Payments home screen now includes scheduled payments with a status of 'Failed', in addition to those with a status of 'Dishonoured' and 'Fatal Dishonoured'.

Flexible Classes

Improvements

- **Updated Flexible Classes module to respect the Absences on Rolls setting within School Attendance**
- **Updated the unlock roll functionality to more closely align with School Attendance**

  When a roll has been submitted from Flexible Classes, and a user unlocks the roll to make modifications, the updated student attendance will sync automatically to School Attendance.

Health

Improvements

- **When the name for Sick Bay is changed via configuration in the Health module, the new name will be reflected everywhere that it appears in Sentral**

Integrations

Improvements

- **Added a new setting for LISS syncing 'IgnoreTeachersForComposites' to specify which teacher codes are not used when determining composite information**

Markbook

Improvements

- **Added the ability for users to navigate back to a selected faculty from within a Markbook via the breadcrumb**

  Markbook | All faculty markbooks | [select a faculty] | [select a markbook]

Messaging

Issues resolved

- **UI: On certain screens, the display of Student merge field options would overflow to the top of the screen, resulting in certain student merge fields becoming non-selectable**

Portal

New features

- **Parents now have the option to cancel a future absence request through the parent portal, provided the request is withdrawn prior to the scheduled start date**
- **Parents can now update their child's transport arrangements for a future date directly through the parent portal**

  This functionality requires the travel section to be configured within the Attendance module.

- **Schools can now customise the display name of the School Resources section to better reflect their preferred terminology**

Improvements

- **Updated the order of confirmed Interview appointments to show in chronological order**

  Portal | Interviews

Portal Console

Improvements

- **Linked Students are now included when exporting Portal User Accounts**

  Portal Console | Setup | Manage Users | Export

Purchase Orders

Improvements

- **Added the Procurement Reference Number to the list of variables available for use in configuration content**

  Purchase Orders | Setup | General Settings

REST API

Improvements

- **Flags: Added new API endpoints for Core Student Flags**
- **Calendars: Webhook events are now available for calendar events and recurring events**

Sentral Setup

Improvements

- **Roll Classes: A read only Short Name field has been added for roll classes**

  Only available for NSW DoE schools. Short Name will be auto generated by Sentral if Sentral is the GRS Master. Updated the SAIS sync to support syncing to and from SAIS for the new Short Name field.

Issues resolved

- **User Accounts: An error sometimes occurred when attempting to delete an user account**

Staff Absences

Issues resolved

- **Edval: Staff absences imported from Edval were incorrectly stretching over two days when they should have been a single day**

Student Profiles

Improvements

- **Academic Reports: The reporting period's Period Name has been added to the table display on the Published Academic Reports screen**

  Reporting periods shown on the Published Academic Reports screen showed the semester and date but not the period name making certain academic reports hard to decipher which reporting period it was created from.

- **UI: When filtering for students on the Profiles V2 home screen, you are now able to hover over the student's name to see more details and the student's photo**