Release Notes

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Academic Reports

Improvements

- **Added Sentral styling in comment fields, allowing users to use bold, italic, underline, and bullet points formatting options available in text fields**
- **Added the ability to select a Date range when syncing School Activities in Academic Reports**

  Key changes include:

  — Added a 'Date range' filter to choose which activities to include

  — Activities can be filtered by 'start date' within the selected range

  — Archived activities are included if they fall within the selected range

  — Reliance on semester/term cycles has been replaced by using a date range

  This ensures the activity list accurately reflects all activities intended for reporting

New Features

- **Added a new component for student subject self-assessment in the subject layout**

Activities

Improvements

- **Filters: Added the ability to filter students by age and gender via the Manage Student Attendees page**
- **A new Show/Hide Columns feature has been added across Activities pages to reduce unnecessary horizontal scrolling and improve usability**

  The 'Show/Hide Columns' dropdown on:

  — Activities Overview

  — Manage Permission Responses

  — Manage Custom Fields

  — Manage Reporting

  Users can now toggle visibility of specific columns (e.g., Year, External ID, Roll Class, DOB, Responses, Paid, etc.) to customise their view.

  The system now remembers users' column selections, including when:

  — Scrolling through long record lists

  — Navigating between pages using pagination

  — Returning to screens within the activity

  This update ensures pages display cleanly at standard magnification, removing the need for horizontal scrolling.

- **Exports: The Export Students option for an activity has been updated to support exporting of additional fields and student passport data from the Enrolments module**

  Only available for Enrolments schools

  When using the Export Students export option, users will now be prompted to optionally include additional fields from the Enrolments module

  A passport data option has also been added to export a student's passport number if required

  Activities | Activity | Manage | Export Student

- **Added a new Age column to the Teams tab UI for activities under the 'Sport' activity type**
  Hovering over the age number will display the student's Date of Birth
- **The 'Copy Risk Assessment' option has been removed for ACT users**
- **Added a 'Show all' option on various pages with pagination**
- **A Date Range filter has been added to Activity reports, replacing the previous year-based approach**
  'YEAR' field renamed to 'Cycle Year'
  New 'Date Range' selector added for accurate reporting based on actual activity start dates
  Updated in the following reports:
  — Activity
  — Activity Status
  — Activity Summary
  — Venues
  This ensures activities are correctly included even when their activity year differs from the cycle year

Issues Resolved

- **The printed roll in Activities displayed incorrect days**
- **The activity permission slip reminder incorrectly listed students whose permission had not yet been submitted**
- **The parent phone number was not populated when generating the activities print roll**
- **Inactive students were not visible in the activity**

Analysis

Improvements

- **Updated PAT Early Years Maths and Reading importer to allow for stanine and percentile columns**
- **Updated the WA 2023 importer to display School Year and Year in NAPLAN data**
- **Updated PAT Maths/Reading Adaptive importers to allow for new comparison fields**

Attendance

Improvements

- **Added the ability to export Incursion list and tallies to excel**
- **Updated the display of Incursions within Attendance History to make them more visible**
- **Updated Recent Roll Submissions to show the submitted timestamp for all rolls submitted**
- **Added date requested to Future Absence Requests so that schools can see when a parent submitted a future absence request**
- **Added new filter option for attendance concerns in automatic absences**
- **Added the ability for users to sort the Incursion Register by the Created By header**
- **Updated the unexplained absence counters for a student to reflect Academic Year absences**
- **Added a filter to Attendance Invalid Data Cleanup to show active students**

Continuum Tracker

Improvements

- **Added ACARA V9 outcomes to Continuum Tracker**
- **Added the EALD statements to Continuum Tracker for VCAA 2.0**

Core \ Data Sync

Issues Resolved

- **Syncs: The delta sync failed to run for certain data updates completed in Enrolments**
- **Students: Certain future students were incorrectly inactivated if the import future students setting was set to 50 days or greater**

Curriculum Reference

Improvements

- **Added Stages A–D for VCAA English 2.0 curriculum**

Dashboard

Issues Resolved

- **The calendar displayed Term 3 2026 instead of Term 2 2026**

Enrolments

Improvements

- **Export: Updated heading and field setting alignment for the QCAA Naplan export**

Issues Resolved

- **Students: Certain special characters in the student code caused an error with loading the student details dialog**
- **Exports: The Staff List export failed to run when it included a staff who were no longer active against any tenant**
- **Rollover: The 'Promote to Alternate School and Year Level' allocation option did not always display the student's current school, which prevented users from promoting the student to a different year level while remaining at the same school**

Fees and Billing

Improvements

- **Configure a fee in your fee structure to exclude students or debtors/contacts based on a flag**

  To configure a fee in your fee structure to exclude students or debtors/contacts based on a flag, edit the fee and select the appropriate flag in the Exclude Flags field.

  When the fee is selected in a Student Fees Billing run (Student Billing Run for NSW government schools), it will not be applied to students with the selected flag.

  When the fee is selected in a Debtor Fees Billing run (Contact Billing Run for NSW government schools), it will not be applied to debtors/contacts with the selected flag.
- **Added the ability to enter an invoice line item description with more than 40 characters**

  This change applies only to independent and ACT government schools.

  Schools that integrate Fees, Billing & Payments with Xero can now enter invoice line item descriptions of up to 4,000 characters.

  Schools that integrate Fees, Billing & Payments with Dynamics can now enter invoice line item descriptions of up to 63 characters.

  The new limits are based on existing limits in the corresponding accounting package, taking into account that Sentral may need to append the linked student's name to the specified line item description in some instances.
- **Added breakdowns of "Unpaid and Unscheduled" and "Paid" segments to the Cash Flow Analysis section of the home page**

  This change applies to independent and ACT government schools only.

  The Cash Flow Analysis section of the home page now displays breakdowns of the "Unpaid and Unscheduled" and "Paid" segments.

The "Unpaid and Unscheduled" segment is broken down by aged debt bands. Click a column on the chart to view a list of the associated debtors.

The "Paid" segment is broken down by payment method. Click a slice on the chart to view a list of the associated payments.

- **Added the ability to open a Sentral debtor in Dynamics**

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

  To open a debtor in Dynamics, click the Open Debtor in Dynamics button on the Debtor Overview.

- **Added the ability to define the order of line items in invoices/fees**

  When invoices/fees are created via a billing run, the line items are now ordered based on the order of fees in the school's fee structure. Line items are first grouped by student, from oldest to youngest. Line items that are not linked to any student are grouped together after the youngest student. Within each grouping, line items are listed in the same order that the associated fees are listed in the fee structure. If discounts have been configured to appear on separate line items, the discount line items appear below the line item for the associated fee.

  To define the order of fees in your school's fee structure, navigate to Setup | Fees, Billing & Payments/Finance Setup | Fee Structures, click the Fee Group Name of the Fee Group that you want to update, and use the icon with the three horizontal lines to drag and drop fees and fee categories.

- **Added the option to prevent invoices with scheduled payments from being voided**

  This change applies only to independent and ACT government schools.

  To prevent invoices with scheduled payments from being voided, navigate to Setup | Fees, Billing & Payments Setup | Fees, Billing & Invoicing Settings, and set the "Allow invoices with scheduled payments to be voided" setting in the Invoices/Fees section to No. This setting is set to Yes by default.

- **In the Student Overview, the Fee Matrix has been moved to the bottom of the screen**

  By default, the Fee Matrix only displays fees from the school's Fee Structure that apply to the student. To view other fees, tick the "Include fee types with no fees for this student" checkbox.

Issues Resolved

- **Sorting the Payments Register by Payment Date did not apply the correct sort order**
- **The overnight accounting package sync sometimes ran before the overnight Enrolments sync had completed**

  This may have resulted in new debtor records not being synced to the accounting package until the following day.

  This issue only affected independent and ACT government schools that integrate Fees, Billing & Payments with Xero or Dynamics.

New Features

- **Added the ability to define a sequence for discount calculations**

  In situations where multiple discounts may be applied to the same fee (e.g. a sibling discount and a staff discount), the system can now be configured to calculate and apply the discount amounts in a predefined sequence, and to calculate each discount amount based on the remaining fee amount after any previous discount(s) in the sequence have been applied.

  For example, a 20% sibling discount and a 10% staff discount can be applied to a $10,000 fee so that the 20% sibling discount is applied first, to the full $10,000 fee amount, and then the 10% staff discount is calculated based on the $8,000 that was remaining after the sibling discount, resulting in a fee amount of $7,200 after both discounts.

  To define the sequence in which discounts will be calculated and applied, navigate to Setup | Fees, Billing & Payments Setup | Discount Rates and click the Set Up Discount Sequence button.

  To configure the system to calculate each discount amount based on the remaining fee amount after any previous discount(s) in the sequence have been applied, navigate to Setup | Fees, Billing & Payments Setup | Fees, Billing & Invoicing Settings and set the "Calculate each discount based on the previously discounted amount" field to Yes.

- **Added the ability to attach files to notification templates**

To add a file attachment to a notification template, navigate to Setup | Fees, Billing & Payments Setup | Notification Templates, edit the required template, and either drag and drop files into the Attachment section, or click the box to select files for upload. The allowed file types are txt, doc, dox, gif, png, jpg, jpeg, pdf and csv. The maximum file size for attachments is 5MB. Note that any files attached to a notification template will be attached to all emails that use the notification template, so ensure that you only attach files to a notification template if they will be relevant and appropriate for all recipients.

- **Added the ability to configure which cost centre types should be selectable/mandatory**

  This change applies only to independent and ACT government schools.

  To configure which cost centre types (i.e. Tracking Categories for Xero schools, and Dimensions for Dynamics schools) should be selectable during invoice creation, and which should be mandatory, navigate to Setup | Fees, Billing & Payments Setup | Cost Centres and click the Configure Cost Centres button.

  On the Configure Cost Centres screen, if you tick the Selectable checkbox for a cost centre type, users will be able to select a value for that cost centre type when creating invoices. If you clear the Selectable checkbox, users will not be able to select a value for that cost centre type. If you tick the Mandatory checkbox, users must select a value for that cost centre type when creating invoices. If you clear the Mandatory checkbox, selecting a value for that cost centre type will be optional.

  Schools that integrate Fees, Billing & Payments with Dynamics will now be able to make more than 2 dimensions selectable during invoice creation, including any of the 2 global dimensions and up to 6 additional shortcut dimensions. If a dimension has not been set up as either a global dimension or a shortcut dimension in Dynamics, you will not be able to make that dimension selectable in Sentral.

Integrations

Improvements

- **Updated the naming of our integration partner from Edval to Tes Timetable**

Interviews

Improvements

- **The parent portal feed notification sent when an interview has been cancelled now includes the details of the cancelled interview**

  The cancelled interview notification now includes:

  — Teacher Name

  — Class Name

  — Subject

  — Date & Time

Issue Tracking

Issues Resolved

- **Tasks: If the 'Require an Assignee' option was enabled in the issue tracking settings, users were still able to create tasks without assigning anyone**

People

Issues Resolved

- **Filters: Filtering by 'Pending' in the Enrolment Status filter did not return any results, even when contact records existed with that status**

Plans

Improvements

- **Schools now have the ability to filter Student Plans by House**
- **Added the ability to filter Student Plans by Publish Status and bulk publish and unpublish Plans**

  Student Plans | Register
- **Added the ability to filter Student Plans by ATSI Students**
- **Updated the file name for Student Plans when downloading to include student name and Plan ID**

Report Writer

Issues Resolved

- **Fields Selection: The 'Staff Additional Fields' list option for an adhoc report showed student additional fields list instead of staff additional fields list when accessing a saved report**

Sentral Setup

Improvements

- **Added the ability to import roll classes via csv**

  To import roll classes via csv, navigate to Sentral Setup | Administration Data | Roll Classes and click the Import Roll Classes button

Staff Absences

Issues Resolved

- **All staff, except those with casual employment type, can now be selected for covers**

Student Profiles

Improvements

- **Academic Reports: The Published Reports page has been updated to clearly differentiate between academic reports that have been generated and those that have been set to be published to parents**

  Profiles | Student | Academic Reports | Published Reports

  Previously, the published reports displayed against the student would show as 'Published to Parents' when the 'Show Reporting Period in Portal' setting was set to 'Yes' in Academic Reports module. This assumed that the report for the student was generated and set to be published. In cases where the academic reports were generated but some student reports could not be published to portal, this setup was not respected in the Profiles > Published Reports page.

  The Published Reports page in Profiles has been improved to cross check whether the reporting period has been configured to show in portal as well as check whether a student's generated report has also been published to portal. Only when both conditions have been met will the status of the report be updated to 'Published to Parents'.

Issues Resolved

- **Pubished academic reports were not always accessible when using cross-tenant features**
- **Profiles V1: Incursion entries with the Mode type 'Record' shown against the student on the summary screen did not show the time of the incursion**
- **Profiles V1: Some Excel exports generated worksheet names containing unexpected language characters or symbols**

Timetables

Improvements

- **Added a student's current attendance on the Student Locator page**

Wellbeing

Improvements

- **The suspension day count has been updated to exclude Staff Development Days from a student’s suspension term**

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