Release Notes

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Modules Affected

Core Platform, Activities, Attendance, Core\Data Sync, Curriculum Reference, Dashboard, Enrolments, Enterprise Setup, Fees and Billing, Integrations, Interviews, Portal, Portal Console, RestAPI, Sentral Setup, Timetables, Visitors, Wellbeing

Core Platform

[improved] Phone number formatting and country code support

You can now view phone numbers with automatic country code support and standardised spacing across the platform, so you can quickly read and verify contact details without errors. This supports common Australian formats for landlines, mobile numbers, local-rate numbers and freephone numbers.

Activities

[improved] Student attendance export report for activities

Activities | Reports

You can now generate a student attendance export report showing attendance percentages per student and per activity, so you can easily monitor participation, identify low attendance and support reporting and follow-up.

- Calculates attendance percentages from submitted rolls
- Filter by selection period, category and activity
- Export report data for further analysis and sharing

[new] Communication actions in activity attendance

Activities | Activity attendance

You can now communicate with students and parents directly from the activity roll, so you can manage attendance issues and activity changes quickly without leaving the workflow.

- Email absent students from the roll
- Email all students listed in the activity
- Cancel an activity and automatically notify affected students and parents

[improved] Reminder for unsubmitted attendance

Activity setup | Notifications

You can now send automatic reminder emails to activity organisers when attendance from the previous day have not been submitted, so you can improve attendance compliance and reduce manual follow-up.

- Identifies incomplete or unsubmitted registers automatically
- Sends reminders to the assigned activity organiser
- Includes activity and session details with a direct link to complete the register

[improved] Daily notification for activity roll status

Activity setup | Notifications

You can now enable a setting to send selected staff a daily notification listing all activities with a roll for the current day, including whether each roll has been marked or remains unmarked, so you can quickly monitor attendance completion and follow up promptly.

- Shows all activities with a roll for the day
- Indicates marked versus unmarked status for each roll

[improved] Parent email notification when a student is removed from an activity

Activities | Portal email

You can now automatically send an email to parents or guardians when a student is removed from an activity, so you can ensure timely communication and reduce manual follow-up by staff.

- Includes student name, activity name and removal date
- Sent to linked parent or guardian contacts automatically

[improved] Edit approved forms when information is requested in workflow

Activities Setup | Approval Workflow

You can now edit an approved form attached to the previous workflow step when an approver on the current workflow step requests more information. This allows the activity owner to update required details without resetting the entire workflow.

- ‘Request Information’ sets any approved forms attache to the previous workflow step, back to ‘Pending’
- Updated message clarifies that both the activity and approved form from the previous step can be edited
- Re-approval returns the form status to ‘Approved’

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[new] Activity withdrawal notifications

Parent Portal | Activities | Activity Selection

You can now receive automated email notifications for activity withdrawal requests to reduce manual follow-up for both staff and parents.

- Notifies staff when a withdrawal request is submitted and requires action
- Sends confirmation to parents once their withdrawal request has been processed
- Applies only to post-allocation withdrawals that require school review
- Excludes immediate self-service withdrawals during the registration window to avoid unnecessary notifications

[improved] Split activity rolls by cohort with configurable setup

Activities | Roll Marking and Activities | Activity Setup | Settings | Activity Roll Setting

You can now split activity rolls by cohort (All, year level, roll class, class or student house), so you can mark attendance more efficiently for specific groups and improve accountability in large or multi-group activities.

- Option to override cohort type during roll creation
- Cohort selection is locked once the roll is created
- Separate roll instance per cohort, each marked individually
- All cohort rolls must be completed before submitting together
- Roll summary shows cohorts with completion status, student count and last updated details

[fixed] Adding all students when filtering by year in activities

You will no longer experience the system freezing when adding students year by year, ensuring you can successfully add all students to an activity without getting stuck on loading.

Attendance

[new] Travel change request cut-off settings

Attendance | Setup | Travel Settings

You can now configure cut-off rules for travel change requests at a per-route level, so different travel routes can have different timing rules and expectations. This helps families clearly understand when travel changes can and cannot be processed.

- Set a cut-off time and select 0–3 days before the travel date
- Configure separate rules for travel to and from school
- Define a custom message shown to parents when a request is submitted after the cut-off

[new] Configurable approval notification rules for travel

School Attendance | Setup | Travel Setup | Staff Travel Notifications

You can now configure approval notification rules for travel change requests, so the right staff are automatically informed based on relevant student and request criteria.

- Define cohorts by year level, roll class, house, travel route and request type
- Select specific users or default to 'teacher'
- Supports students belonging to multiple cohorts

[new] Travel change request auto-approval notifications

Attendance | Setup | Travel Settings | Travel Auto Approve Rules

You can now automatically approve travel change requests based on configured rules and send notifications to staff and parents, so you can streamline approvals and improve communication.

- Sends notifications to relevant staff when a request is auto-approved
- Notifies parents with the message 'This travel change request was auto-approved.'
- Approved requests appear in the approved list
- Applies only to newly submitted requests
- Requests that do not meet all criteria still require manual approval

[improved] Weekly travel roll printing and export

School Attendance | Travel | Daily Lists and Registers

You can now print or export travel rolls for a full week, so you can review and share travel data across multiple days without generating separate reports.

- Generate by single route or roll class
- Includes the same information as daily rolls

[improved] Bulk approval and rejection for travel change requests

School Attendance | Travel | Transport Change Requests

You can now approve or reject multiple travel change requests at once, so you can process high volumes of requests more quickly and reduce manual effort.

- Select multiple requests from the pending list
- Apply a single approval or rejection action
- Add a shared comment across all selected requests

[improved] Optional parent notifications for travel changes

School Attendance | Travel | Daily Lists and Registers

You can now choose to notify parents when updating a student's travel schedule, so you can keep families informed even when changes are made by staff rather than submitted by the parent.

- Option to send a portal notification when making changes
- Comment included in the notification message to provide context

[improved] Travel route import validation and feedback

School Attendance | Travel | Import Travel Routes

You can now see clearer validation messages during travel route imports, so you can quickly identify and fix issues before re-uploading.

- Invalid file type returns a clear error
- Incorrect or missing data highlights the issue
- Unknown student codes are flagged and displayed
- Missing travel routes are identified with route details

Core\Data Sync

[new] Course import and export for bulk actions

Setup | Administration Data | Courses | Bulk Actions

You can now use the same file format for exporting and importing courses, so you can streamline bulk updates and reduce formatting errors when re-uploading data.

Curriculum Reference

[new] Chinese in Context as Stage 6 subject (NSW schools only)

Curriculum Reference | NSW AC Digital Curriculum 11-12 | S6 | Languages | Chinese in Context

You can now select Chinese in Context as a Stage 6 subject in the curriculum reference, so you can align course selections and curriculum planning with the NSW syllabus.

Dashboard

[fixed] Sent notices 'Show more' button

Dashboard | My Notices

You will now see all your sent notices when selecting 'Show more' in the Sent section, so you can access and review your full notification history without being limited to the first 10 items.

Enrolments

[new] Staff email type available for contacts who hold dual role types at the school

Enrolments | Contact email addresses

You can now assign a 'Staff' email type to contacts who are both staff and parents, so you can clearly separate staff and personal communication channels. Any automated system comms that directly looks up staff to send comms to staff members will prioritise the 'Staff' email first, and falling back to primary > personal > work if 'Staff' email is not available.

[improved] Reuse enrolment pattern naming across academic years

Flexible Classes | Enrolment Patterns

You can now reuse enrolment pattern names across different academic years, so you can maintain consistent naming conventions for recurring roll classes. This helps managing enrolment patterns at the start of each new school year.

- Validation is now based on Name plus Academic Year, so duplicate names are only restricted within the same year
- Existing table already displays the academic period, so you can clearly distinguish patterns across years

[new] Control auto-generated consent flag comments

Enrolments Setup | General | Consent Types (Edit)

You can now choose whether system-generated text is added to consent flags, so you can reduce clutter and improve readability in student records.

- Added 'Exclude flag comment explaining YES consent' beside 'Auto-assigned flag on YES consent'
- Added 'Exclude flag comment explaining NO consent' beside 'Auto-assigned flag on NO consent'
- Checkbox is disabled if the corresponding auto-assign field is set to 'None'
- When selected, no automatic comment is appended in the UI or in Student Overview | Additional Fields

[new] Default enrolment status on student departure

Enrolments Setup | Departure Reasons

You can now configure a default enrolment status for student departures, so the correct status is pre-selected when processing a departure.

- New 'Default Enrolment Status on Departure' setting with a mandatory enrolment status field
- Applies to the Student Departure popup (via Current Enrolments | Manage Students | Process Student Departure)
- Default for ACT at deployment: 'Enrolled - Active'

This helps reduce user error and ensures departed students are assigned the correct status during the departure process.

[improved] API: Consent visibility by school association

https://development.sentral.com.au/

You can now view the 'isGlobal' attribute for consents. It is linked to 'school id relationship' and a 'schoolIds' filter.

[fixed] Date pickers for additional date fields

Enrolments | student | Associated Contacts

You can now see a date picker for every additional field with a date type when editing a contact, rather than only the first field.

[fixed] Missing disability types in Medical Data (WA schools only)

You can now see the full list of disability types when selecting from the dropdown in the Medical Data page for Western Australian schools.

Enterprise Setup

[improved] Save and copy permissions – bulk tenant selection and search

Enterprise Setup | General | Permissions

You can now select multiple tenants when copying permissions, so you can apply ACL changes across tenants more efficiently.

- Load all available tenants (excluding the source tenant) in alphabetical order, so you can quickly locate targets
- Select all tenants with a single checkbox or choose individual tenants, so you can apply changes in bulk or selectively
- Add or remove tenants from a selected list, so you can refine exactly where permissions will be copied
- View a confirmation message and summary after copying, so you can clearly see which tenants received updates and verify changes

Fees and Billing

[new] Automatic early payment discounts (Independent and ACTEDU schools only)

Setup | Fees, Billing and Payments Setup | Fee Structures | Early Payment Discounts

You can now configure early payment discounts that are automatically calculated and applied when parents pay an eligible invoice in full via the Sentral Parent Portal before a defined cut-off date, so you can streamline fee collection and reduce manual processing.

- Discounts are applied via credit notes
- You can choose whether these credit notes will be allocated automatically at point of payment (reducing the upfront payment amount) or retained as credit for future invoices (requiring full upfront payment).

[improved] Filter Debtor Register by enrolment status in a specific academic period

Registers | Debtors Register

You can now select an Academic Period for the Student Enrolment Status filter (formerly called 'Enrolments Type') in the Debtors Register. This makes it easier to identify debtors related to future and past student cohorts e.g. debtors with students who will be 'Enrolled - Active' in 2027.

[improved] Invalid tax rates prevented during selection (independent and ACTEDU schools integrating with Xero only)

Invoice Creation | Standalone Invoice / Invoice + Receipt / Donations and *Setup | Fee Structures / Discount Rates*

You can now only select tax rates that are valid for the chosen account when creating invoices and configuring your fee structure. This prevents incompatible combinations at the point of entry and reduce errors.

- Expense tax rates (for example, GST on Expenses) are no longer available when a revenue account is selected
- Only relevant, account-compatible tax rates are shown

[improved] Exclude students who are not actively enrolled from invoice creation and billing runs (Independent and ACTEDU schools only)

Invoice Creation | Standalone Invoice / Fee + Receipt and *Billing | Student Fees Billing*

You can now exclude students from selection during invoice creation and billing runs if they are are not actively enrolled within a specified date range.

- By default, students who are not actively enrolled on the current date are excluded
- Default exclusion rule can be modified during the invoice creation/billing run process

[improved] View and search the full Chart of Accounts

Setup | Chart of Accounts

You can now view your entire Chart of Accounts on a single screen with expandable and collapsible sections for each account type to help you can navigate large account structures. You can also search by account name or code.

[improved] Retrieve payments details for all unpaid invoices from Debtor Overview (Independent and ACTEDU schools only)

Debtor Overview | Overview

You can now retrieve payment details from Xero or Dynamics for all of a debtor's unpaid invoices by clicking the Update from Xero/Dynamics button on the Debtor Overview. This means that you no longer need to perform multiple steps to retrieve all of the debtor's latest financial information.

- Invoices updates are in addition to existing updates that retrieve recently created credit notes, overpayments and prepayments, and retrieve the latest balance from Xero/Dynamics for comparison
- Automatically recalculates the debtor balance in Sentral after updates are applied

[improved] Cost Centres relabelled to match accounting system terminology (Independent and ACTEDU schools only)

Setup | Tracking Categories/Dimensions / Fee Structures / Discount Rates and *Invoice Creation | Standalone Invoice / Invoice + Receipt / Donations* and *Registers | Invoice Register / Credit Notes Register and Invoice Adjustments | Credit Note*

'Cost Centres' now match your integrated accounting system - displayed as 'Tracking Categories' for Xero integrations and 'Dimensions' for Dynamics integrations to help you manage financial data across platforms.

[improved] Active student count on module home page

You can now see the total number of active students for the current academic period in the Students section of the module home page. Clicking the total opens the Students Register with the corresponding student list to streamline navigation and verification.

For schools using Sentral Enrolments, 'active' includes:

- Enrolled – Active
- Enrolled – Leaving
- Enrolled – Active (Pending)
- External
- External – Pending

[improved] Sort by First Name and Family Name in Students Register

Registers | Students Register

You can now sort the Students Register by First Name or Family Name, so you can find students more quickly and organise lists in the way that suits your workflow.

Default sort order is by Family Name

[improved] Student names shown in preferred format

Registers | Students Register and Student Overview and Debtor Overview

You can now view student names in your school's preferred format, as defined under Sentral Setup | User Accounts | General | Display Settings | Student Name Format. This ensures you get consistent naming across modules.

- Search still supports First Name and Preferred Name, regardless of the selected Student Name Format
- Invoices continue to use the 'Student name format for invoices' setting under Fees, Billing and Invoicing Settings

[improved] Student search results identifiers

You can now view each student's External ID/SRN and Date of Birth directly in the global Search field results.

[improved] Invoice Register highlights overdue invoices

Registers | Invoice Register

The Due Date is now highlighted in red for overdue invoices that aren't covered by a payment schedule, to help you identify these invoices.

[improved] Sort invoices/fees by date

You can now sort invoices/fees by Invoice/Fee Date on the Invoice/Fee Register.

- Invoices/Fees are sorted by Invoice/Fee Date by default
- Changes also apply to the Invoices/Fees screen in the Debtor/Contact overview

To enable the addition of the Invoice/Fee Date column, the Amount Allocated column has been removed, and the Amount Paid column now shows the total of the payment and allocation amounts.

Integrations

Staff timetable API returns all campuses

You will now receive timetable data for all campuses a staff member is assigned to, instead of only the default campus. This means integrations (such as SchoolBox) can display complete and accurate timetable information in multi-campus environments.

Interviews

[improved] Parent Interviews enhancements

You can now manage more flexible interview formats, streamline booking administration, and improve communication with parents and staff, so you can run interview cycles more efficiently and with greater visibility.

- Priority booking access and extended registration controls
- Enhanced Manage Bookings with roll class visibility
- Household-based and conference-style bookings
- Shared class support with multiple teachers and booking options
- Configurable automated reminders
- Parent topic submissions with dedicated staff view
- Improved staff unavailability management
- Enhanced online interview links and per-timeslot meeting support
- Refreshed Interviews homepage with clearer status and actions
- Split-family alerts to identify duplicate bookings across households

Portal

[new] Recurring travel change requests with day and AM/PM selection

Portal | Student | Travel Change Request

Parents can now submit recurring travel change requests for specific days of the week and date ranges, with the option to apply changes to AM, PM or both when those rolls are enabled, so ongoing transport changes are easier to manage.

- Select a start and end date, with days shown Monday to Friday
- Apply changes to AM, PM or both (when enabled by the school)
- Transport options reflect the configured travel route settings

Approved requests are shown in Attendance and applied correctly to travel rolls on the affected days, reducing repeat submissions.

Portal Console

[new] Travel route recipients for newsfeed items

Portal Console | Add New Feed Item

You can now send newsfeed notifications to students and parents based on travel routes for a selected day, so you can communicate targeted updates to the right cohort.

- Select one or more travel routes
- Choose a specific day for the route
- Includes students in the cohort and any exception records
- Option to include excluded students when required

Rest API

[fixed] Student-household endpoint

You will no longer encounter an internal server error when accessing student–household data.

Sentral Setup

[improved] Course setup and linking to support integrations

Timetables | Setup | Courses

You can now create, edit and link courses with more details, so class data can be aligned accurately.

- Record course code, display name, template course and Teacher course
- Link classes to courses using the course code
- Support a course hierarchy, with shared template courses and teacher-specific courses beneath them

This enables more reliable syncing for schools that require structured course information.

[new] Timetable data source controls (TimeView)

Setup | Administration | Timetable Data

You can now control which timetable data is sourced from TimeView, so you can manage your system's source of truth and ensure consistent timetable data across modules.

- Enable or disable TimeView as the data source
- Configure timetable overrides directly from the data settings page

[new] Academic periods available via API

https://development.sentral.com.au/

You can now retrieve core academic period information via the API to help you integrate term and reporting period data into external systems and workflows.

Timetables

[improved] LISS file sync details centralised in Publishing details

Timetables | Publishing Details

LISS last file sync details are now only accessible Publishing details. They are no longer visible in sidebars in areas such as Data sync and Timetable setup, so you can review this information in a single, consistent location.

Visitors

[new] Surname validation override for visitors (ACTEDU schools only)

Visitors | *Regular Visitors and Visitors* | *Home* and *Visitors* | *Check-Ins* | *Check-In Register*

You can now mark ‘Surname not required’ when creating or editing visitor records. This disables mandatory surname validation and allows you to check in visitors with a single name without workarounds.

- Available on Add New Visitor, Edit Visitor, and Edit Check-In forms

IMPORTANT: These records are still not supported in the Kiosk and must be managed in the Visitors module.

[new] Landline support for visitor records with ACL controlled access (ACTEDU schools only)

Visitors | *Home and Visitors* | *Regular Visitors* and *Visitors* | *Check-Ins* | *Check-In Register*

You can now record visitors using a landline number, so you can create and manage records for visitors who cannot provide a mobile number.

- ‘Landline only’ checkbox available when adding, editing or checking in visitors
- Validation updated to accept Australian landline formats and clarify accepted number types
- Permission controlled via ‘Can view landline only checkbox’

IMPORTANT: Visitors recorded with a landline only cannot use the kiosk and must be checked in via the Visitors module.

[improved] Export options for active and inactive regular visitors

Visitors | *Regular Visitors*

You can now choose to export active, inactive, or all regular visitor records to make your record management easier.

Export options:

- Export current regular visitors
- Export deleted regular visitors
- Export current and deleted regular visitors

Wellbeing

[new] Wellbeing API available for incidents and detentions

You can now retrieve wellbeing incident and detention data, including key details and related student and staff information, so you can surface incident and detention insights in dashboards and improve visibility for wellbeing tracking.

[improved] Student type filters for parent notifications

Wellbeing | *Setup* | *Notifications* | *Parent Notifications* | *Edit* | *Student Types*

You can now filter parent notifications by student type (such as witness, victim or involved), so only relevant parents receive incident communications and inappropriate or misleading notifications are avoided.