

Release Notes

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Modules Affected

[Core Platform](#), [Academic Reports](#), [Activities](#), [Analysis](#), [Attendance PxP](#), [Calendars](#), [Continuum Tracker](#), [Core\Data Sync](#), [Curriculum Reference](#), [Daily Org](#), [Dashboard](#), [Enrolments](#), [Enterprise Console](#), [Fees and Billing](#), [Health](#), [Kiosk](#), [Markbook](#), [Messaging](#), [Plans](#), [Portal](#), [Rest API](#), [Sentral Setup](#), [Staff Absences](#), [Student Profiles](#), [Timetables](#), [Visitors](#), [Wellbeing](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

Stay informed and protect your work during internet disruptions

We've introduced a new internet connectivity alert system to keep users informed of connectivity issues and help protect work in progress during temporary internet outages.

How it works:

- You'll receive an on-screen alert if Sentral detects that your internet connection has been lost, and another alert when you're back online.
- While offline, you will not be able to save any changes on your current screen to help prevent losing any unsaved work as long as you stay on your screen.
- When connection is restored, you can continue your work in Sentral and save any unsaved changes caused by the temporary disconnect.

More flexible and user-friendly Student Plans

We've introduced a range of enhancements to [Student Plans](#) to make them easier to manage, customise and complete, while improving how plan information is presented to staff.

Key updates include:

- Easier-to-use plans, with clearer layouts, [more flexible configuration options](#) and improved data entry.
- Dedicated sections for medications and medical conditions.
- Better support for staff through instructional content and helpful guidance when completing plans.
- More professional [printed plans](#), with support for school branding and colour-coded plan types.
- Simpler administration, including [the ability to archive outdated plan types](#) while retaining historical records.

Simpler staff absence management, more flexible cover options

We've introduced significant improvements to the Staff Absences module, making it easier to record staff absences, manage cover arrangements and review absence data across your school.

Key updates include:

- A [simplified absence workflow](#) that allows staff to add their own absence records without seeing cover or HR information.
- [Expanded cover options](#) that better reflect how schools cover staff absences.
- Support for [assigning multiple teachers to cover](#) an absence via splitting or collapsing classes when required.
- [Bulk controls for HR information](#), making it easier to manage visibility across multiple absences.
- Advanced filtering on the Staff Register page and in [absence reports](#), providing greater flexibility when analysing absence data.

DETAILS

Core Platform

[new] Internet connectivity alert system

You will now receive an alert on Sentral if the application detects that internet connectivity has been lost or restored. While offline, users will not be able to submit or save any data. This helps users be aware of connectivity issues and assists with maintaining changes and not lose any unsaved work on Sentral.

Academic Reports

[improved] Custom subject headers for Progression Point components

Academic Reports | Setup | Layout | Report Templates | Design | Progression Point Component

You can now configure the Subject Header name in Progression Point components, rather than using the default 'Learning Area' label. This helps you tailor report terminology to your school's requirements while maintaining existing behaviour through the default setting.

[new] Master reporting period templates (ACTEDU only)

Academic Reports | Academic Reports Setup | General | Reporting Periods

You can now create and tag master reporting periods and use the new 'Can manage reporting period master templates' permission to control who can designate and manage master reporting periods. Users without permission to manage master templates can still view the master status and use the template for rollover, while actions such as unlocking, editing, removing and exporting are restricted. This allows schools to use a controlled template for future reporting periods while protecting the master from unauthorised changes.

Activities

[improved] Timetable period selection for activity scheduling (schools using Timetable only)

Activities | Create/Edit Activity

You can now schedule activity start and end times using timetable periods or manual time entry. When using periods, the selected period automatically populates the activity start and end times while still allowing you to set the activity dates manually.

- Choose between manual time entry and timetable period selection
- Select periods from a dropdown displaying period names and times
- Automatically populate activity times from the selected periods
- Updated validation to better support recurring activities and date-based activity scheduling

For activities that repeat on selected days, you'll now see a warning explaining that future timetable changes will not automatically update activity times, helping you schedule activities with a clear understanding of how recurring times are determined.

Analysis

[improved] Support for updated NSW Independent school NAPLAN file structure

Analysis | Setup | Import | NAPLAN (NSW Scout)

You can now import NAPLAN files that use the updated NSW Independent school file structure, so you can continue importing assessment data without manual file modifications and reduce import errors.

[improved] 2026 NAPLAN state and national proficiency percentages

Analysis | NAPLAN

You can now view 2026 state and national proficiency percentage data across all NAPLAN domains and states, so you can compare student performance against the latest benchmark data. This helps improve the accuracy of analysis and reporting when reviewing NAPLAN results.

Attendance PxP

[improved] More accurate absence and participation reporting (ACTEDU only)

Class PxP | Administration | Absence Details of Students & Summary of Student Absences

You can now view unauthorised explanations and truancy reported with unexplained absences in Attendance and Attendance and PxP reports, so you can identify attendance shortfalls more accurately.

- Unauthorised and unexplained absences are now excluded from Participation Requirement calculations and displayed under Absence Date in student absence summaries.
- Updated labels, including 'Unauthorised/Unexplained Absence %' and 'Participation Requirement %', provide clearer reporting terminology.

[new] Calculate participation rates using class minutes

Class PxP | Administration | Summary of Student Absences

You can now choose to calculate absence and participation percentages using class minutes instead of whole lessons, so differences in lesson duration can be reflected when assessing a student's participation/attendance rate.

When 'Calculate % based on class minutes' is selected, percentage values also show the corresponding number of minutes in brackets, giving you greater visibility when reviewing participation/attendance requirements and supporting unit assessment decisions.

Calendars

[improved] Calendar buttons while scrolling

You can now continue to access calendar action and navigation buttons while scrolling through calendars with large amounts of data or events. Specifically, you no longer lose access to the action buttons such as the Print button, Term navigator and the "D, W, WL, M and T" buttons.

[fixed] Calendar Subscriptions tab

You will no longer encounter an error when opening the Subscriptions tab from a calendar's Preferences page. This issue only affected some calendars.

Continuum Tracker

[improved] EAL continuum split into Pathway A, B and C

Continuum Tracker | Setup | Continuum Bank

You can now access separate EAL continuums for Pathway A, Pathway B and Pathway C, while retaining the original imported EAL continuum. This aligns student progress tracking to the correct pathway and makes it easier for staff to manage EAL assessment and reporting.

Core\Data Sync

[improved] Email sync priority for staff records in datalayer (Enrolments schools only)

The Enrolments data sync now prioritises populating the email field in the staff record in datalayer with a 'Staff' type email address if such email type was entered against the staff record in Enrolments.

Curriculum Reference

[new] VCAA 2.0 Foundation Level capabilities added

Curriculum Reference | VCAA 2.0 | A-D

You can now access the Foundation Level capabilities for Critical and Creative Thinking and Personal and Social Capability within the VCAA 2.0 curriculum. This aligns curriculum planning and reporting more accurately with VCAA requirements.

[new] Fitness subject added for VET S6 (NSW schools only)

Curriculum Reference | VET 11-12 | S6

You can now select the new Fitness subject in the VET S6 curriculum, including NESA course codes 41804 to 41808. This helps schools manage VET curriculum offerings more accurately and streamline subject setup for senior students.

Daily Org

[fixed] Sports Variations page loading issue

Daily Org | Sports Variations

The Sports Variations page no longer displays a loading error.

Dashboard

[improved] Logout redirection to Edpass Dashboard (SA Gov schools only)

Updated Sentral's logout logic to navigate users back to the Edpass Dashboard.

Enrolments

[fixed] Default expiry dates applied to default consents

The default expiry date is now automatically applied when a default consent is assigned to a new student. This ensures default consents behave the same way whether they are assigned automatically or added manually.

[fixed] Deleting consent types

Setup Enrolments | Consent Types

Removing a consent type no longer changes the first consent left over for a student who had a consent with the deleted consent typing. Deleting a consent type now also presents the user with an option to remove any linked student consents with that type or keep the consents.

[fixed] Household address changes changelog entries

Enrolments | Household | Household Address

An address added as part of the student enrolment creation workflow now properly adds an entry into the changelog ensuring that the original address details are properly captured when the address is deleted or edited in the future.

[fixed] Enrolment records for part time day changes

Part-time day changes now only apply to the selected enrolment record and no longer affect previous enrolment records of the student.

Enterprise Console

[new] Enterprise Notices

Enterprise Console | Notices

You can now create and send notices from Enterprise Console to staff, parents, students or corporate users across all schools or selected schools, so you can communicate with multiple schools without needing to access each one individually.

- Send staff notices to users through their My Notices area at the school.
- Send parent and student notices to selected year levels through the portal as daily notices.
- Send corporate notices to users with Enterprise Console access.
- Schedule notices to be sent on a future date to streamline communications planning.

Fees and Billing

[new] Enable parents to set direct debit preferences for automatic payment schedules (for Independent and ACTEDU schools only)

You can now [enable parents to select a preferred payment method and preferred payment schedule](#) in the Parent Portal, so that you can use those preferences to schedule payments automatically for the parent's invoices. This will improve the predictability of collections for the school and reduce the administrative burden on school staff as well as parents. Learn more about this feature [here](#).

[improved] Filter the Debtors/Contacts Register by Donation Type

Registers | Debtors Register, Registers | Contacts Register

You can now filter the Debtors/Contacts Register by Donation Type, so you can more easily track Debtors/Contacts who have made related payments.

[improved] View the approval history of a refund request (NSW government schools only)

Registers | Refunds Register

You can now view the approval history of a refund request, so that you can more easily identify any further action required.

[improved] Return a refund request (NSW government schools only)

Registers | Refunds Register

You can now [return a refund request](#) to the user who created it, so that you can request further clarification before approving the refund.

[improved] Attach supporting documentation to a refund request (NSW government schools only)

Registers | Payments Register | Actions | Request Refund

You can now attach supporting documentation to a refund request, to ensure accurate, compliant, and efficient completion of the approval workflow.

NOTE: NSW Department of Education policy requires that you attach at least one supporting document to all refund requests.

[improved] Assign refund approval authority to specific users (NSW government schools only)

Setup | Finance Setup | Fees, Billing & Invoicing Settings | Refunds | Can approve refunds

You can now [assign refund approval authority to specific users](#). This ensures that your refund processes align with NSW Department of Education policy.

- Replaces the existing 'Can approve refunds' user permission, which applied to all users within the same access level
- Permissions must be re-applied to the relevant users via the new setting before any refund requests can be approved

[improved] Prevent staff from approving their own refund requests (NSW government schools only)

Registers | Refunds Register

Staff can no longer approve a refund request that they created. This ensures that your refund processes align with NSW Department of Education policy.

[improved] Filter the Payments Register by Donation Type

Registers | Payments Register

You can now filter the Payments Register by Donation Type, so you can more easily track related payments.

[improved] Search for future and past students

You can now choose to include past and/or future students when searching for students.

[fixed] Invoice/fee export

Exports | Transactional | Invoices (Independent and ACTEDU schools)

Exports | Transactional | Fees (NSW government schools)

The invoices/fee export no longer displays a blank screen, so you can export your transaction data successfully.

Health

[fixed] Student sickbay checkout

Health | Sickbay

You will now be able to check students out of Sickbay correctly when large numbers of students are currently in Sickbay and the list spans multiple pages.

Kiosk

[improved] Country code selection for kiosk login and PIN reset

Kiosk - Preschool sign in/out

You can now select a country code when entering a mobile number on the kiosk login and reset PIN pages.

Markbook

[improved] Enhanced Markbook management experience

Markbook | View Markbook

You can now access Markbook management actions from a dedicated Actions menu, and view teacher information from the Markbook Overview. This improves navigation, provides better visibility of class ownership, and creates a more consistent workflow when performing administrative tasks.

[improved] Bulk editing for markbook data entry

Markbooks | All Markbooks

You can now bulk edit markbook data across multiple students or tasks, so you can enter large amounts of data more efficiently and reduce repetitive manual updates.

Messaging

[new] Dedicated return email for absence notifications

Messaging | Messaging Setup | Settings | General Settings

You can now configure a separate return email name and address for absence notifications, so parent responses can be directed to a dedicated absence mailbox instead of your school's general inbox. The settings apply to manually sent and automatic absence notifications.

[new] Merge field 'Absence List' for absence related message templates

Messaging | Templates | Manage Templates

The new merge field 'Absence List' will list out absences for the student in bullet point list which is helpful if the absence message will result in more than one absence record being retrieved.

Plans

[improved] Student Plan usability and presentation enhancements

You can now work with [Student Plans more easily through a range of viewing and editing improvements](#), including separate sections for medications and medical conditions, consistent information between onscreen and printed views, and the ability to rename built-in sections to better align with your school's policies and procedures.

[new] Print mastheads for Student Plans

Student Plans | Setup | Plan Types | Print Masthead

[You can now upload a masthead for each plan type](#) and include it on printed Student Plans, so you can produce professional, school-branded plan documents.

[new] Colour-coded headers for printed Student Plans

Student Plans | Setup | Plan Types | Print Background Colour

[You can now set a header colour for each Student Plan type](#), with the selected colour applied to plan headers in printed output. This helps visually distinguish different plan types and improves the readability and presentation of printed plans.

[new] Archive Student Plan types

Student Plans | Setup | Plan Type | Archive Plan Type

You can now [archive Student Plan types](#), preventing new plans from being created while retaining access to existing plans. This helps keep plan type lists current and manageable while ensuring historical plans remain available for viewing and reporting in the register.

[new] Instruction detail type for Student Plans

Student Plans | Setup | Plan Details

You can now add an ['Instruction' detail type to Student Plans](#), allowing you to display large blocks of read-only instructional text with basic formatting and links. This lets you provide clear guidance and context to staff when completing plans and reduces the need for separate training or reference documents.

[new] Guidance text for Student Plan details

Student Plans | Setup | Plan Types | Plan Details | Guidance Text

You can now [define placeholder guidance text for Student Plan fields](#), so users can see contextual instructions while entering information.

[improved] Additional rows for plan tables

Student Plans | Setup | Plan Section | Table

You can now [provide users the ability to add additional rows to plan tables](#) when entering information, so you can capture more data without duplicating the entire table. This helps reduce unnecessary space and streamlines plan management.

[improved] Role for Health Care Plan medical contacts

Student Plans | Health Care Plan | Medical Contacts

You can now record and view a role for medical contacts in a Health Care Plan, so you can easily identify each contact's professional capacity. This improves visibility of support networks and helps staff contact the most appropriate healthcare professional when needed.

Portal

[improved] Interview session information display

Portal | Parent Interviews | Interview Session card

Added spacing between the interview session card title and the select timeslot & edit topics buttons to ensure title text doesn't overlap.

- Select Timeslots and Add Topics buttons aligned to the card's upper margin
- Date and Time columns combined into a single column in the Scheduled Appointments section.
- Class and Teacher columns combined into a single column in the Scheduled Appointments section.
- Status labels shortened to reduce space taken up in the table.

[improved] No appointment booked notification

Portal | Parent Interviews | Interview Session card

There is now a message in the Scheduled Appointments section that lets parents and carers know that they have not yet booked appointments.

[improved] Interview session card

Portal | Parent Teacher Interviews | Interview Session card

The interview session card now shows all interview information in a better format that is easier to read and interpret for parents and carers.

[fixed] Student portal login redirect

Student Portal

Students will now be directed to the correct campus when logging in to the Student Portal based on their active enrolment.

[fixed] Date of birth changes flagged in student amendment forms

Portal Console | Family Amendments

You will no longer see a student's date of birth marked as modified when submitting an amendment form that only updates other student details.

REST API

[new] Manage student unavailabilities through the REST API

You can now create, view, update and delete student unavailability records for Timetables through the REST API, so you can integrate external systems and automate timetable availability management.

Sentral Setup

[fixed] Updating user accounts

Setup | Manage User Accounts

'Unknown error' no longer appears after editing a Sentral user account (e.g. to change the user's default Access Level) for a school with a large number of users.

Staff Absences

[new] HR-related staff absence data ACL

Enterprise Setup | General | Permissions | Staff Absences Setup | Administration

You can now use the '[Can manage HR related absence data](#)' permission to control access to HR-related staff absence information, so only authorised users can edit or upload this data. This permission controls access to:

- 'Added to HR' and 'Has Medical Certificate' fields
- Supporting leave document uploads

This helps you restrict HR-related absence management to approved users.

[new] Bulk update staff absence flags

Staff Absences | Staff Register

You can now select multiple staff absence records and update their 'Added to HR' and 'Medical Certificate Received' flags [in one action](#), helping authorised users manage absence records more efficiently.

[new] Exclude roll classes from staff absence cover

Staff Absences Setup | Cover Settings

You can now [exclude selected or all Sentral-created roll classes from Staff Absences cover tables](#), so staffing administrators for schools that use timetabling to manage roll classes, only see classes that require cover and spend less time managing unnecessary cover entries.

[new] Improved staff absence cover management

Staff Absences | Add or edit absence

You can now [indicate whether cover is required and provide cover-related information](#) when recording an absence, helping staffing officers prioritise cover requests. Authorised users can also filter the cover table by absence date, making it easier to manage cover for absences spanning multiple days.

[new] More options for recording staff absence cover

Staff Absences | Add or edit absence

You can now record cover [as 'Standard', 'Split Class', 'Minimal Supervision' or 'Not Covered'](#), with options to assign multiple staff where appropriate. This provides clearer visibility of how classes are covered and which staff are affected, helping schools monitor additional staffing and supervision demands.

[new] Staff absence cover status

Staff Absences | Staff Register

You can now see a daily Cover Status of 'Assigned', 'Not Covered', 'Not Required' or 'Pending' for each staff absence record, so you can quickly identify outstanding cover and confirm that cover arrangements are complete. Cover and absence details are also accessible from a consolidated 'View' menu for easier navigation.

[new] Filter the Staff Register

Staff Absences | Staff Register

Authorised users can now filter staff absences by cover status, leave code, duration, recurring frequency, flags and approval status, so they can quickly focus on the records requiring attention and manage staff absences more efficiently.

[improved] More flexible editing of staff absences

Staff Absences | Staff Register | Edit absence

You can now update saved staff absence dates and durations if you have permission to manage cover, with the cover table updating to reflect date changes while retaining unaffected cover assignments. You can also mark individual cover periods as not required, while staff without cover permissions can edit other details or delete absence records they created, making it easier to correct and maintain absence information.

[improved] Roll class cover for job-share teachers

Staff Absences | Staff Register

You can now see roll classes in the cover table for all teachers assigned to the roll class in Enrolments, including job-share teachers, so cover requirements are identified more accurately.

[improved] Flexible Staff Absences reporting

Staff Absences | Reports | Staff Absences

You can now [apply detailed filters to the Staff Absences report](#) and generate PDF or CSV outputs containing the absence and cover information you need. Filter by items such as absence type, leave type, recurrence, flags, approval status, classes and cover type to improve visibility of staff absences and cover arrangements.

[improved] Updated staff absence cover types (ACTEDU Only)

Staff Absences | Create or edit absence

You can now select from 'Casual Relief', 'In-built Relief', 'Split', 'Minimal Supervision' and 'Not Covered' when recording staff absence cover, providing cover options that better reflect ACT requirements. These options are also available when filtering the Staff Absences report.

[fixed] Add cover to existing staff absences

Staff Absences | Staff Register | Edit absence

You can now add cover when editing an absence created by another staff member, so authorised staffing officers can arrange cover after the absence has been submitted by a staff member without permission to assign cover.

Student Profiles

[fixed] Profiles V1: Printing the band score for NAPLAN data

Profiles V1 | student | Export Summary to PDF

The PDF generated via the 'Export Summary to PDF' option now properly print the band score for NAPLAN data if the student has NAPLAN data recorded via Band Scores and Proficiency Scores.

Timetables

[improved] Support for composite class lessons via MazeXLS Import

You can now enable composite class lesson support in MazeXLS when a teacher is assigned to multiple class lessons in the same day period, so timetable data is represented more accurately and requires less manual adjustment after export. This helps streamline timetable management and improve scheduling accuracy.

Visitors

[improved] Prevent duplicate visitor records created via Visitors module (ACTEDU Only)

Visitors | Regular Visitors | Add New Record

Users must now search for existing visitor records using their first name, surname and mobile number before a new visitor record is created. Matching visitors are reused during regular visitor registration, helping reduce duplicate records and improve returning visitor identification.

[improved] Prevent duplicate visitor records created via Visitor Kiosk check in (ACTEDU Only)

Visitors Kiosk | New Visitor Check-in

The visitor kiosk now searches for existing visitors by first name, surname and mobile number before creating a new visitor record. The kiosk checks 'New Visitor details' during check-in and uses an existing matching visitor where found, helping prevent duplicate records and improve returning visitor identification.

[fixed] Consistent mobile number validation between Kiosk and Visitor modules

Kiosk | Visitors

You will no longer be able to enter mobile phone numbers with spaces when registering visitors through the Kiosk, so records are accepted consistently across both modules. This ensures visitor details do not require manual correction in the Visitor module.

[fixed] Mobile number validation between Kiosk and Visitor modules

Kiosk | Visitors

You will no longer be able to enter mobile phone numbers with spaces when registering visitors through the Kiosk, so records are accepted consistently across both modules. This ensures visitor details do not require manual correction in the Visitor module.

Wellbeing

[new] Automatic student Date of Birth, Age and Gender population for Incident forms (ACTEDU Only)

Wellbeing | Setup | Incidents | Incident Details

You can now use a built-in Date of Birth, Age and Gender fields on Incident forms that automatically populates from the attached student's enrolment record, so you can complete incident records faster and reduce manual data entry.

[new] Configurable mandatory fields for suspension forms (ACTEDU only)

Wellbeing | Setup | Suspensions

You can now configure supported suspension form fields as mandatory using the Required setting, so you can tailor data collection requirements without development changes.

[new] Suspension Detail dependencies for suspension forms (ACTEDU Only)

Wellbeing | Setup | Suspensions | Suspension Details

You can now configure dependencies between Suspension Details, so suspension forms dynamically show only relevant questions based on a user's responses.

[new] Import and export Suspension Categories with form configurations (ACTEDU Only)

Wellbeing | Setup | Suspensions

You can now export and import Suspension Categories together with their Suspension Form configurations, so you can migrate suspension setups between environments without manually recreating them.

[new] Lock Confidential setting for incident categories (ACTEDU Only)

Wellbeing | Setup | Incident | Incident Category

You can now lock the Confidential setting using Lock confidential checkbox option for an incident category, so you can ensure incidents in that category always remain confidential and cannot be changed by staff.

[new] Suspension category lifecycle and historical form preservation (ACTEDU only)

Wellbeing | Setup | Suspensions

You can now create, publish, copy, archive, and update Suspension Categories while preserving the form configuration used by existing suspension records, so you can respond to policy changes without affecting historical data.

- New Suspension Categories are created in Draft status and can be published when ready.
- Categories can be copied from any status, with copies always creating a new Draft category.
- Published categories remain editable, and changes take effect immediately when saved.
- When a suspension is created, the category configuration used at that point is stored against the record.
- Historical suspensions continue to display the form structure that existed when they were created, even if the original category is later modified or archived.
- Administrators can create and publish copied categories to introduce new form structures while preserving access to historical configurations for existing suspensions.

[improved] Additional field types for Incident Details and Follow Up Actions (ACTEDU Only)

Wellbeing | Setup | Categories | Incident Types | Incident Details

You can now configure date fields for both Incident Details and Follow Up Actions, enabling administrators to capture and track date-based follow-up information within incident forms.

[improved] Configure Time as a required field for Incident Types

Wellbeing | Setup | Categories | Incident Types | Incident Type Details

You can now configure Time as a required field for Incident Types, so you can ensure incident records capture the time of an incident when required for compliance and reporting purposes.

[improved] Record correspondence on behalf of another staff member

Wellbeing | Incidents | Add Correspondence

You can now select a Contacting Staff Member when creating correspondence, so you can accurately record who made contact with a student when entering correspondence on behalf of another staff member.