

Release Notes

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DETAILS

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 so you can identify attendance shortfalls and assess participation requirements more accurately.

[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.

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.

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.

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] 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.

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.

[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.

[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.

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.

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.

[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.

[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.

[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.

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.

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Wellbeing

[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.