

Release Notes

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Activities

New features

- **In Customised Questions, added the ability for users to re-order questions**
This helps with presenting excursion related questions in the correct order.

Admissions

Improvements

- **Reports: Current Enrolments and Future Enrolments reports now display calculated values for gender values that are not M or F**
The CSV export for both reports has also been updated to output all supported gender calculated values. Other improvements include:
 - A legend that describes what the gender codes in the tabular results represent.
 - A horizontal scroll bar to help with the increase of data being shown in the reports.

Issues resolved

- **Admission Form: Validation of manually entered student codes was not working properly, which resulted in student code duplication**

Attendance

Issues resolved

- **Letters: Special characters were appearing incorrectly in merge fields**
School Attendance | Setup School Attendance | Letter Templates

Attendance PxP

Improvements

- **Absence Details for Students export: Added a 'Teacher name' filter**
Teachers can now:
 - filter by Teacher name
 - view results by Teacher name
 - combine this filter with other filters to query the results
 - view the Teacher name in the export file.

Calendars

Issues resolved

- **Creating and updating calendar events via the API can now send null start and end times, resulting in all day events**

Dashboard

Improvements

- **Portal Messages: Prevent direct messages from being sent to a parent when the Do Not Contact flag is checked**
Dashboard | My Portal Messages | New Message

Enrolments

Improvements

- **User Interface (UI): Updated Associated Households UI logic to better support validation errors upon save**
The collapsed/expanded accordions used for household contacts on the Associated Households screen resulted in validation errors for a contact's details being 'hidden' if users selected Save when the contact had not been expanded. Validation logic has been updated so that if users select Save when there is an error, the accordion will expand and scroll to the topmost error.
- **Associated Contacts: An alert displays when Do Not Contact and Receives portal access are both selected**
Enrolments | Student Overview | Associated Contacts

Issues resolved

- **The 'Family Name Not Required' checkbox next to the Family Name field was not being respected**
Enrolments | [selected student] | Student Overview | Details
- **Student Relationship Export: Contacts were not being included without a primary email**
Enrolments | Export | General | Student Relationships
- **Export: The School Census export incorrectly excluded students who had left**
Generating the census export with the date set to before students have departed now correctly includes students who have departed and are in the active_leaving, active_pendiing, withdrawn states.
- **Attachments: Certain doctor's letters attached to medical conditions would not save**
File size limit was reached when attempting to upload and save certain attachments but the system did not provide proper feedback to advise of the issue. Medical Conditions, Vaccinations and Disabilities documents now display maximum file size limit and provide a prompt if limit is exceeded.
- **Exports: The Students List export printed out empty results when using the enrolment date filter**
It was also identified that there's confusion between enrolment date and enrolment start date that the current enrolment date filter may refer to. To remedy this, there is now an Enrolment Date filter and Enrolment Start Date filter to supporting filtering by either dates.
- **The Change Log for selected households was not recording changes to information such as emails and phone numbers for contacts in the household**
Enrolments | Manage Household | [selected household] | Change Log tab

Fees and Billing

New features

- **Refunds: Refunds are prevented if the required settings have not been configured**
This change affects independent schools only.
The Refund option in the Invoice Register is disabled if the required settings for refunds have not been configured.
 - For schools with Xero integration, the option is disabled if an 'EFT Refund Clearing Account' has not been specified under Setup Fees, Billing & Payments | Fees, Billing & Invoicing Settings.
 - For schools with Dynamics integration, the option is disabled if a 'Bank Account (Bank)' has not been configured for the 'Sentral Pay – Online (inbuilt)' payment method under Setup Fees, Billing & Payments | Receipting Settings.
- **Student Register: Export search results**
Selecting the Export button on the Students Register search results will export the search results to a csv file.
- **Debtors/Contacts Register: Export search results**

Selecting the Export button on the Debtors/Contacts Register search results will export the search results to a csv file.

Improvements

- **Statement of Account: Configurable label text for totals**

This change applies to independent schools only.

Label text for the following totals in the Statement of Account is now configurable: Opening Balance, Invoice Total, Adjustment Total, Payment Total, Refund Total, Balance.

These labels can be configured on the Setup Fees, Billing & Payments | Statement Template Settings screen.

- **Credit Notes Export: Added a column called Credit Note Remaining Credit to the export report**

When Credit Notes are exported (via Registers | Credit Notes Register | Export or Exports | Transactional | Credit Notes), the exported csv file now contains a Credit Note Remaining Credit column, to the right of the Credit Note Total Amount column.

- **Search field: Added an option called 'Include inactive students and debtors/contacts'**

Clicking the 'down' arrow next to the Search field in the top right corner displays an 'Include inactive students and debtors/contacts' checkbox. If this checkbox is ticked, the search results will include active and inactive students and debtors/contacts. If this checkbox is not ticked, the search results will include active students and debtors/contacts only.

- **Statement of Account: Removed line items representing the allocation of prepayments and overpayments to invoices**

This change affects independent schools only.

The Statement of Account will still display line items to represent the creation of prepayments and overpayments but the allocation of these items to specific invoices will not be represented.

- **Statement of Account: Display credit note reference**

The entry representing the creation of a credit note in the Statement of Account report (Debtor Overview | Statement of Account | Generate) now includes the Reference value that was specified for the credit note.

This change does not apply to NSW Department of Education (DoE) schools.

- **Payments Register: Student Name is now displayed in search results**

This change applies to NSW DoE schools only.

- **Xero Sync: Reference value for credit notes is now synced to Xero**

- **[NSW DoE] Contacts Register: Delete non-student contacts**

This change applies to NSW DoE schools only.

To delete one or more non-student/adhoc contacts, tick the required contacts in the Contacts Register search results, and then select Actions | Delete selected adhoc contacts.

Issues resolved

- **Student Overview: Balance and Requested values were incorrect for some students**

This issue affected NSW DoE schools only.

- **Fee + Receipt: Financially Responsible Adult could not be specified for an activity contact**

This issue affected NSW DoE schools only

- **Statement of Account: Payments total was based on invoice date rather than payment date**

This issue impacted independent schools only.

If an invoice was created in 2022 and a payment was recorded against that invoice in 2023, the payment appeared as an item in the 2023 Statement of Account but it was not included in the calculation of the Payments total. Instead, it was included in the calculation of the Payments total for the 2022 Statement of Account.

- **Statement of Account: Opening Balance was not included in calculation of Outstanding Balance**

- **Students Register: An error would sometimes display when a student name was selected in the search results**

- **Print Receipt: Received From and Received For were blank in the receipt PDF for an adhoc/non-student contact**
The Contact Name will now be displayed for both values.
This change applies to NSW DoE schools only
- **Attendance module's Absence Summary was displaying 'Year NO' for some schools after importing ebs Cash Desk data into the Finance module**
This issue affected NSW DoE schools only.

Health

Issues resolved

- **Email Report function from Emergency care plan doesn't do anything**
- **Sorting by the Ambulance Report column in the Sick Bay report would result in an exception**

Messaging

Improvements

- **Provided a 'select all' checkbox for Portal Publishing under Absence Notifications**
This enables users to select all/deselect all absences in Publish to Parent Portal Feed.

Issues resolved

- **Parent (Sender) name was missing in absence messages received via the Portal Messaging module | Received Messages | Inbox**
Parent names were not displaying in the list of received absence messages.

Portal

Improvements

- **Login: Added the Sentral logo on the mobile view of the Sentral Parent Portal login screen**

Issues resolved

- **In certain circumstances, some users were unable to log into Portal via Single Sign On**

Portal Console

Improvements

- **Family key email displayed a "success" status even though no email was sent**
- **Contact Keys: Ability to filter by Do Not Contact flag**
Portal Console | Setup | Parent Access | Contact Keys
- **Contact Keys: Ability to see which students are marked as Do Not Contact for a parent**
Portal Console | Setup | Parent Access | Contact Keys

Issues resolved

- **In some cases, a 'No valid contact' error message was preventing schools from generating family keys for portal accounts**
- **Push notifications messages were being sent to both parents in situations where only one parent was selected as a recipient**

REST API

Improvements

- **RESTAPI: Various updates have been made to the API endpoint for Enrolments staff record**
Fields that were exposed:
Attributes in **staff**:
— employmentCategory, teacherRegistrationNumber, isWWCCCompleted, wWCCResultDate, wWCCType, areQualificationsProvided, username
Other:

- **house** relationship in **staff**
- **campusLocations** relationship in **staffEmployment**

Attributes in **person**:

- ethnicGroup, ethnicGroupCode

Added the following PATCH support:

Attributes in **staff**:

- employmentCategory, username, teacherRegistrationNumber, isWWCCCompleted, wWCCResultDate, wWCCType, areQualificationsProvided

Other:

- **house** relationship in **staff**

Attributes in **person**:

- ethnicGroupCode, ethnicGroup

- **RESTAPI: Added API support for passport and visa data**

The following endpoints have been exposed:

Passport:

- GET /v1/enrolments/person-passport
- GET /v1/enrolments/person-passport/:id
- POST /v1/enrolments/person-passport
- PATCH /v1/enrolments/person-passport/:id

Visa:

- GET /v1/enrolments/person-visa
- GET /v1/enrolments/person-visa/:id
- POST /v1/enrolments/person-visa
- PATCH /v1/enrolments/person-visa/:id

- **RESTAPI: Exposed the staff Professional Learning Log in API**

- **RESTAPI: Added API support for Enrolments staff car records**

Added the following endpoints:

- GET staffCars
- GET staffCar
- DEL staffCar
- POST staffCar

- **RESTAPI: Added staff document related endpoints**

There are various endpoints now available to support staff documents. They include:

- Get Staff Document
- Get Staff Documents
- Get Staff Document Category
- Get Staff Document Categories

Sentral\Integrations\Xero

Issues resolved

- **Xero Sync: Automatic debtor sync was syncing all debtors to Xero every day, including debtors that hadn't changed since the previous sync**

The automatic debtor sync will now only include debtors that have changes.

Sentral Setup

Issues resolved

- **Access Control Level (ACL): Users who had the 'Can manage calendar' ACL allowed for them also got access to the Integrations Overview screen**

A new ACL has been introduced. The ACL called 'Can access integrations overview page' controls access to the Integrations Overview screen in Sentral Setup.

- **Choosing Staff Photos | Match Photos | Current/Past/Unlinked** resulted an incorrect menu item displaying as 'selected' the left menu

Student Profiles

Issues resolved

- **Profiles: Medical Alert flag** that displays on-hover descriptive text was showing \n in the text
- **Fixed student photo** not displaying on Profiles1 Summary Report
- **Heatmap: The Attendance heatmap** on the School Attendance screen and Student Summary screen did not display properly

Visitors

Issues resolved

- **In Kiosk, schools** were able to incorrectly delete a user record while the visitor was checked in

Wellbeing

Issues resolved

- **Users were unable to insert links to Wellbeing letters**
Wellbeing | Setup Wellbeing | Manage Macros