

Release Notes

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Core Platform

Improvements

- **Search: Enterprise clients can now search for schools via the Sentral dropdown menu and on the Enterprise school selection screen**

Academic Reports

New features

- **Added the ability to create automatic syncs from Markbook to Reports**
Academic Report Setup | General | Automatic Syncs

Activities

New features

- **NSW DoE schools can now use department guided activity permission slip question templates**
All new permission templates (e.g. swimming, collision sports, snow sports, water sports) are available in the Sentral Activities module.
Schools can use the updated template to send out sport permission notes to save time and administrative effort.
Schools can meet compliance requirements and address liability standards.

Issues resolved

- **Staff were unable to sort the student list for a selected activity with a filter enabled**
Activities | [selected activity] | Manage | Manage Permission Responses

Admin Enquiry

Issues resolved

- **Reports: Missing and incorrect contact details were displayed in the Advanced Student Information report**

Admissions

Improvements

- **UI: When viewing the list of applications by default, deceased students will now no longer be visible and made available when doing bulk selection**
A deceased filter has been added to the Applications screen to support scenarios where deceased student applications still need to be found.

Attendance

Improvements

- **In Setup | School Times, validation on the time entries has been added**
Validation now prevents a start time that is after an end time or an end time that is before a start time, from being saved.
- **Kiosk: Added the ability to edit Menu names in Menu configurations**
School Attendance Setup | Kiosk Setup | Menu Configurations
- **API: Added the ability to retrieve the source of an absence and to set the reason and the comment for an absence**

Issues resolved

- **Part-time students were displaying as Present on the Evacuation report and the Compact Daily report on days when they were not officially attending**

Attendance PxP

Issues resolved

- **An error occurred when attempting to view a roll for a class on a different campus**

Calendars

Issues resolved

- **User interface (UI): A calendar set to Public and viewed with public access did not properly load Sentral's new UI, and instead reverted to an old UI theme**
- **UI: The colour for a Calendar Category could not be applied if the category name contained the '&' symbol**

Core\Data Sync

New features

- **Students: Added the ability to filter enrolments based off enrolment type to support Return to School Programs for NSW DoE schools**
Students belonging to a NSW DoE school's Return to School Program are grouped alongside the students that attend the school itself. This means the dataset Sentral receives contains both sets of students together. The new addition will ensure Sentral is able to differentiate between who is attending as a student of the main school and who is attending the Return to School Program. The result is that Return to School Program students should no longer show up randomly in the main school such as during roll marking.

Issues resolved

- **Contacts: Certain ATERSA students imported as future students for NSW DoE schools were missing their core contact data when it should have been created**

Curriculum Reference

Improvements

- **Victorian schools: The outcomes and elaborations for Mathematics 2.0 levels A to D have been added to the VCAA 2.0 curriculum repository**

Dashboard

Improvements

- **Widgets: The Wellbeing Levels widget has been updated to no longer show students whose levels have expired**

Enrolments

New features

- **Added a flag to Contacts to indicate when Family Name is not required**

Improvements

- **Added a warning when using the Fill Down function within Quick Edit updates**
Enrolments | Current Enrolments | Quick Edit
- **Added the ability to filter Quick Edit changes so that they only apply to current Students**
Enrolments | Current Enrolments | Quick Edit

Issues resolved

- **Rollover: Certain schools attempting to use the Recalculate Student Transitions button in the Enrolments rollover wizard encountered an error when the button was clicked**
- **Flags: When the Boarding flag was assigned to a new enrolment application in the Admissions module, the flag failed to display properly in the applicant's profile in the Enrolments module**
- **Exports: Generating the Student and Family export with a year level selected resulted in an export file with no data in it**

Fees and Billing

Improvements

- **Standalone Invoice/Fee creation: Added the ability to search for an inactive student across all academic periods**
Ticking the 'Include inactive students' checkbox above the Search Student field during standalone invoice/fee creation now enables you to search for an inactive student from any academic period, regardless of which period you selected in the Academic Period field. The selection in the Academic Period field still determines which students will be identified if you search by School Years, Roll Classes or Classes in the 'Select who to Invoice' section.
- **Refunds (NSW DoE): Added the ability to process multiple partial online refunds for an online payment**
This change applies only to NSW DoE schools
- **Invoice/Fees Register: Added the ability to sort and search the filtered results**
- **Invoice/Fees Register: Added a link to the related activity**
If an invoice/fee is linked to an activity, clicking the Details button for that invoice/fee in the Invoice/Fee Register displays the name of the linked activity in the Description section. Clicking on the activity name opens the linked activity in the Activities module.
- **Home screen: Grouped alerts into the same section**
The Alerts section of the home screen displays the following alerts (if relevant):
 - **Dishonoured scheduled payments**
 - Displays the number of scheduled payments that were Dishonoured or Fatal Dishonoured within the specified time period.
 - Only appears for independent and ACT government schools using Sentral Pay.
 - **Payment schedules that may overpay their linked invoices**
 - Displays the number of payment schedules where the total of the remaining scheduled instalments exceeds the total amount due of the linked invoice(s).
 - Only appears for independent and ACT government schools using Sentral Pay.
 - **Debtors/contacts who can't view their invoices/fees in the Parent Portal**
 - Displays the number of debtors/contacts who won't be able to view their invoices/fees in the Parent Portal until they have been linked to a portal user.
 - **Failed syncs**
 - Displays the number of syncs that have failed within the specified time period.Clicking a link in the Alerts section will take you to a list of the items relevant to the alert.

- **Debtors/Contacts Register: Added sorting options**
- **Students Register: Added the ability to sort and search the filtered results**
- **Credits/Credit Notes Register: Added the ability to filter by status**
- **Credits/Credit Notes Register: Added the ability to sort and search the filtered results**
- **Statement of Account: Configurable template for notification emails**

To configure the template for the Statement of Account email notification, navigate to Setup | Notification Templates and click **Edit** on the Statement of Account template.

This template will be used when statements of account are emailed via the 'Email outstanding Invoices to selected Debtors' and 'Email outstanding Invoices to all found Debtors' action on the Debtors/Contacts Register search results.

Flexible Classes

New features

- **Added the ability to bulk print Student Schedules**
Flexible Classes | Reports | All Student Schedules
- **Added the ability for teachers to print out their Term schedule of Flexible Classes**
- **Updated the display of Overall Attendance within Flexible Class Rolls to better inform teachers of Student absences**
Flexible Classes | Class Roll
- **Added Today's Classes table to the home screen to allow Administrators to view all today's Flexible Classes and their roll submission status**

Issue Tracking

Improvements

- **Tasks: Added a new question visible when creating a task under the inbuilt WHS Task Type**
The question 'Has this been added to the WHS Risk Register?' with Yes/No option has been added to the WHS inbuilt task type.

Issues resolved

- **Reports: Users attempting to apply custom dates for the 'Reported on' filter would sometimes find the date picker locked resulting in the inability to choose dates**
- **Task: The description of the task did not properly respect box parameters, causing it to extend off the page display**

Markbook

Improvements

- **Schoolbox integration: Multiple project tasks can now be imported in one go**
- **Schoolbox integration: Added the ability to import a zero from Schoolbox as 'not rated'**

Portal

Improvements

- **Parents can now view only relevant activities from their portal and app calendar/upcoming events**
Excursions used to appear in the Parent Portal calendar even if they weren't relevant to the excursions their children were attending (as long as permission had been granted). Parents could see all events, making it seem like they had something scheduled every day.
- **Parents can access their portal accounts through the Sentral website**
The login URL: <https://portal.sentral.com.au> enables parents to search for their school and seamlessly navigate to their school's portal login page

Issues resolved

- **The audit display for portal was running slowly**

Portal Console

Improvements

- **Students can now view upcoming events via the student portal**
- **Staff visibility over parent communication - Schools can now notify staff members via email once a new newsfeed is published**

Schools can now select one or more staff members from a dropdown creating a new newsfeed item or editing an existing newsfeed item. Selected staff members will be notified via email once the newsfeed is published to the parent portal.
- **The message in the Parent Responsibilities section of parent portal medical amendment form is now customisable from the portal console**

Issues resolved

- **Printing contact keys letters would result in an error message**

Purchase Orders

Improvements

- **Suppliers: Added the ability to sort and search the list of suppliers under Setup | Suppliers**
- **Purchase Orders: Added the ability to filter and sort purchase orders lists**

Lists can be filtered by Supplier, Requested By, Accounting Period, Faculty, Category, Position, Item Description and Date. Lists can be sorted by Order No., Date, Requested By, Supplier, Total Amount and Status.

Sentral Setup

Improvements

- **Roll Classes: The Roll Class Rollover wizard will now also show the student's roll class when displaying conflicting students that are already assigned to a roll class**

Whilst the wizard displayed the list of conflicting students found when utilising the Roll Class Rollover wizard, users were not given the roll class the student belonged in which was causing the conflict. This made remediation of the conflict tedious especially if the school had a large amount of roll classes. The addition to display the roll class assignment for conflicting students should help with more efficient remediation.
- **Roll Classes: Added the ability to show a list of the students for a roll class when using the Roll Class Rollover wizard**

When users are using the Roll Class Rollover wizard, they are able to select which roll class or roll classes to rollover but then have no way in that UI to see the students who belong to that roll class. Rather than have users open another tab or page to see the list of the students, there's now a new link against each roll class which when clicked, pops up the list of students for that roll class.

Issues resolved

- **Students: Certain future students shown on the Students screen did not always display the correct roll class assignment**

Sentral Setup | Administration Data | Students
- **Roll Classes: When managing student roll assignments for a roll class, users were unable to use the right side column search box to look up future students to be placed in the roll class**
- **Roll Classes: The duplicate roll class name check in the Roll Class Rollover wizard could be bypassed when rolling over from an inactive date year**

Student Profiles

Issues resolved

- **Flags: The count for the number of students assigned to a particular manual flag or automatic flag displayed an incorrect number**

Wellbeing

Improvements

- **When creating an incident, the Contact information tab in the 'Students involved' panel on the right hand side is now available**
- **The Wellbeing incident report now displays only the selected categories in the search results**
- **Wellbeing Awards: The popup for Student Nomination Progression has been updated to display a Close button instead of a Save button**

Previously when this screen had a Save button, an error would occur when the Save button was selected.