

Release Notes

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Core Platform

Improvements

- **Added 'Inactive' label to students who are no longer active in multiple modules to provide better visibility**

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Issues resolved

- **Calendar cache was not picking up dates when academic years are not aligned to calendar years (e.g. Northern Hemisphere calendars)**

Academic Reports

New features

- **Added a setting to change the default behaviour of publishing Academic Reports to Parent Portal**
Only applies to newly created reporting periods and does not change the value of any existing reporting periods
Academic Reports | Setup | General | Global Config | Show Reporting Period in Portal

Improvements

- **From 2025, a 'Progressing Towards' or 'PT' score can be assigned to students who have not yet reached the lowest level provided for the relevant curriculum area**
This change applies for Victorian schools only.
- **Included the new default achievement scale descriptions when creating a new reporting period and using common defaults**
This change applies for NSW DoE schools only.
- **Relocated the option to publish Academic Reports to Parent Portal Feed to align with Publish Reports action**
Academic Reports | Publish Reports | Manage Published Reports | Publish
- **Victorian schools: The three achievement standard language modes of Reading and Viewing, Writing and Speaking and Listening have been added as strands to English 2.0**
The three language modes will be available after importing English 2.0 into a reporting period. English 2.0 should be linked to VCAA English and the three language mode strands should be linked to the corresponding VCAA English strands.

Activities

Improvements

- **To ensure all relevant staff members remain informed about school activity events, a confirmation email will be sent to designated roles (e.g. publishers, organisers, creators and approvers) upon the successful publication of an activity to the portal**

Attendance

Improvements

- **Added the ability to create School Time rules based on Roll Class**
School Attendance | Setup | School Times
This feature will be available on request only.
- **Added the ability to select multiple cohorts when creating Bulk Incursions**
School Attendance | Incursions | Bulk Incursions Issues resolved

Calendars

Improvements

- **Provided the ability to sort the Calendars in the My Calendars, Subscribed Calendars and All Calendars sections from A to Z**

Continuum Tracker

Improvements

- **Continuums for both strands and achievement standards for English 2.0 have been added to the VCAA continuum repository**
Continuum Tracker Setup | Continuum Bank | VCAA | F-10 VCAA by Strands or F-10 by Achievement Standards

Core>Data Sync

Improvements

- **Core: Added a new field AuthorityToCollectFromPreschool for SAIS import**

Issues resolved

- **Core: An exception would occur when running sync on EduhubSif tenant**

Curriculum Reference

Improvements

- **VCAA 2.0: Updated the elaborations for English, Arts and HPE**

Dashboard

Improvements

- **Users can now customise Quicklinks directly through the Quicklinks widget on the Dashboard**

Issues resolved

- **Absences: A staff absence was not showing correctly in the Today's Absence widget if the staff absence was a recurring absence**

Enrolments

Issues resolved

- **Added a note to Add Staff process to advise that staff codes will be generated automatically if not provided**

Issues resolved

- **Exports: Some students' year level listed in the Student Medical export was incorrect as the export failed to recognise the students' latest enrolment record**
- **Reports: The NSSAB Census report did not produce data if exporting for past years**
- **Exports: An error occurred for some international schools when generating the Student & Family Data export**

Fees and Billing

New features

- **Debtor/Contact Overview: View list of email notifications that have been sent to a debtor/contact**

To view a list of email notifications that have been sent to a debtor/contact, open the Debtor/Contact and navigate to Debtor/Contact Overview | Notifications.
- **Schools have the ability to configure their setup so that payment requests are not marked as Requires Action within the Parent Portal**

Fees, Billing & Payments | Setup | Fees, Billing & Invoicing Settings

Improvements

- **Parent Portal: Added the ability for parents to update a payment method with active payment schedules (e.g. to change a credit card expiry date)**

This change applies only to schools that integrate Sentral Pay with Ezidebit.

If a parent updates an existing saved payment method in the Parent Portal (Parent Portal | My Details | Payment Methods | Update) and there are one or more active payment schedules associated with the payment method, the remaining instalments of those payment schedules will be processed using the updated payment method details.
- **Payments Register: Added the ability to sort and search the filtered results**

Refunds Register (NSW DoE): Added the ability to sort and search the filtered results

This change applies to NSW DoE schools only.
- **Flags: Added the ability to add or remove student flags in bulk**

To add or remove student flags in bulk, navigate to Setup | Fees, Billing & Invoicing Setup/Finance Setup | Fee Structures | Flags and click the Manage Students button for the relevant flag to open the Manage Students screen.

To add the flag to one or more students, search for and tick the required student(s) in the Find Students section then click the Add Selected button to select them, or search for the student(s) by name in the Search Student field.

To remove the flag from one or more students, tick the appropriate students in the Selected Students section then click the Remove Selected button.
- **Xero Sync: Retrieve prepayment refund details from Xero**

This change applies only to schools that integrate Fees, Billing & Payments with Xero.

When a prepayment is updated from Xero, details of any refunds that have been processed for the prepayment in Xero are retrieved and displayed in Sentral. To view the refund details in Sentral, click Details on the prepayment in the Payments Register and check the Refund Details section.
- **Home screen: Added Cash Flow Analysis section**

This change applies to independent and ACT government schools only.

The Cash Flow Analysis section displays a breakdown of the total amount invoiced for the selected year. It displays the total paid (including credit note, overpayment and prepayment allocations), the total of upcoming payments scheduled via Sentral Pay for each quarter, and the total that is still unpaid and unscheduled, all as percentages of the total invoiced.
- **Fee Structure: Added ability to specify a tax-inclusive Unit Amount for a fee**

To specify a tax-inclusive Unit Amount for a fee in your Fee Structure (Setup | Fees, Billing & Payments/Finance Setup | Fee Structures | Fee Structures | Fee Group Name), add or edit the fee and tick the Include Tax Amount checkbox beneath the Unit Amount field. If you tick this checkbox, the amount specified in the Unit Amount field will be treated as a tax-inclusive amount, and the Tax Amount will be calculated on that basis, using the selected Tax Rate.

Issues resolved

- **Billing Run: Bill Generation Summary preview showed incorrect Tax amount when a discount and GST were both applied to a fee**

This issue only occurred when a discount and GST were both applied to the fee AND the system was configured to create a separate invoice line item for the discount amount.

In this scenario, the correct tax amount was still calculated for the invoice. Only the billing run preview displayed the incorrect value.

Health

Improvements

- **Attendance: The Scheduled Medication screen's Attendance column will now display the absence bubbles for students to ensure users have a more accurate view of the student's current attendance**

When a student has multiple scheduled medications that occur at different times during the day, the previous output of 'Present' or 'Absent' in the Attendance column caused confusion for users as a student partially absent was still listed as 'Absent'. This meant medications could be missed as it is assumed the student was absent. The new absence bubbles will now show specifically what type and time of the absence entered against the student in Attendance module to improve clarity on whether the medication needs to be administered for the student.

Interviews

New features

- **Added description and location details to the Interview card in the Parent Portal**

Description and location details are now available within the Interview Card in the Parent Portal and are available as merge fields in Interview email templates.

Issues resolved

- **Class changes were not reflected in the Interviews module**

Issue Tracking

Issues resolved

- **Tasks: The date picker for the Deadline data did not always show the data picker user interface (UI) when it was selected**

Messaging

Improvements

- **Added the option to notify parents of absences via Portal and SMS/Email in the same action**

Schools currently have the option to prioritize email or SMS absence message. Now they can also send notifications via the portal at the same time. When enabled, the notification summary will include Parent Portal Feed notification counts.

Messaging | Send Absence Notifications | Send All & Publish to Portal Feed

Portal

New features

- **Parents can access previous years' markbook data via the portal and mobile app via the Year selection menu**

Issues resolved

- **Marks and comments were visible in the portal when the reports had not been published**

Portal Console

Issues resolved

- **The attachment limit in all text content editors was set to 2 MB due to performance concern**

REST API

Improvements

- **API Schema Documentation now includes the required authentication headers**

Sentral Pay

Improvements

- **Ability to view a list of all bank transfer transactions**
To view a list of all bank transfer transactions generated by Sentral, navigate to Sentral Pay | Bank Transfers.
This change applies only to independent and ACT government schools who integrate Sentral Pay with Ezidebit.
It will only display transactions if the Automatic Settlement Transfer setting is set to **Yes** for the 'Sentral Pay - Online (inbuilt)' payment method under Setup | Fees, Billing & Payments Setup | Finance Setup | Receipting Settings.
- **Improved handling of screen refresh while an online payment is in progress**

Sentral Setup

Issues resolved

- **Students: The student count displayed an incorrect count for certain classes and houses that contained future students**

Sentral for Parents

New features

- **Added the ability to allow parents to view and print their child's Flexible Class schedule for the term within the parent portal**

Issues resolved

- **The text in the Medical Information section of the portal was misleading**

Staff Absences

- **Absences: When adding an absence for certain staff members, not all the classes that the staff member was responsible for were displayed, resulting in an inability to assign covers**

Student Profiles

New features

- **Added the ability to upload NAPLAN PDFs**
Schools can now import their students' NAPLAN PDFs and associate them with the relevant students within the Setup area of the Profiles module.
These PDFs are displayed within a student's Profile in the NAPLAN area to be viewed alongside their NAPLAN analysis results where available.
Additionally, these PDFs can be shared with parents via the parent portal. This provides an easy, reliable and digital option to share NAPLAN results with parents.
Profiles | Setup | Uploads | Upload NAPLAN Files
Profiles | Student | Analysis | NAPLAN

Issues resolved

- **Gender: Sibling records shown on the student's summary screen displayed the gender of the student instead of the sibling's gender**
- **Reports: The Class List report showed an incorrect parent/guardian for certain students even though the parent/guardian appeared correctly in the student's profile**
- **Access: Access restrictions failed to apply when used against certain year groups that didn't have a year group name beginning with the word 'Year'**
- **Search: Certain students with a two letter surname could not be searched in the top right search box**

Wellbeing

Improvements

- **Removed the Current Student Year Level and Current Student Roll Class for students who are inactive when viewing incidents**
- **API: Incident endpoints have been extended to include more details and filtering options, and new filters for incidents endpoint: incidentCategoryIds, incidentTypeIds have been added**