SENTRAL

Service Release Notes

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Activities

Issues Resolved

- **In the Activity Dashboard, the total participant count incorrectly displayed the total student count instead of the correct participant total**

Attendance

Improvements

- **Added the ability to have automatic notifications reset every fortnight, instead of every week or term**

Issues Resolved

- **Future Absence Requests with apostrophes displayed incorrectly within School Attendance**

Core\Data Sync

Issues Resolved

- **SAIS: An incorrect departure date was set for students with a future withdrawn status**

Enrolments

Improvements

- **Search: The quick search now supports searching for deceased students**

  A new **Include Deceased Students** search option has been added to the quick search, located at the top right of every page in Enrolments

Issues Resolved

- **Search: An error occurred when selecting a staff result from quick search while the All Schools search option was enabled**

Fees and Billing

Improvements

- **Debtors/Contacts Register search results now indicate if notes have been entered for each debtor/contact, and if each debtor/contact has linked portal users**

  If notes have been entered for a debtor/contact, a Notes flag appears in the Other column. Click the flag to view the notes.

  If a debtor/contact has linked portal users, a Portal Users flag appears in the Other column. Click the flag to view the linked portal users.

  If a debtor/contact does not have any linked portal users, a No Portal Users flag appears in the Other column. This flag does not appear for adhoc debtors/contacts.

- **Student Fees Billing Run: Added Student Year Level to Bill Generation Summary export**

  For independent and ACT government schools: If you click the Export button in the Bill Generation Summary section on the Finish page of the Student Fees Billing wizard (Billing | Student Fees Billing) the export file now includes the Student Year Level on each row.

  For NSW government schools: If you click the Export button in the Bill Generation Summary section on the Preview Fee page of the Student Billing Run wizard (Fee Creation | Student Billing Run), the export file now includes the Student Year Level on each row.

Health

Issues Resolved

- **SMS: The 'SMS Parents' button did not update to display 'SMS Sent' after the user had already sent the SMS message for that sickbay record**
- **Reports: The Sick Bay report displayed incorrect dates in the Time In and Time Out columns**

Interviews

Issues Resolved

- **In the Interview module, teacher names containing a hyphen did not display correctly, with the portion after the hyphen appearing in lowercase**

Markbook

Improvements

- **Added the ability to specify a work type for an external Schoolbox task**

  Markbook | Edit | New External Task

Messaging

Issues Resolved

- **Messages stayed in Awaiting Dispatch when a message failed to send because the referenced absence was deleted during the process**

Portal

Issues Resolved

- **The Activity End Date and Time did not populate on the parent permission slip**

Portal Console

Improvements

- **When sending Email All Staff via a feed item, the email is now sent only to active staff at the school**

Issues Resolved

- **In the Parent Portal, activity titles containing an apostrophe were rendered incorrectly, displaying an encoded value instead**
- **The emergency contact order displayed incorrectly in the Parent Portal**
- **In Newsfeed, items could not be republished or edited when Send a Copy to Staff was enabled before publishing**

REST API

Issues Resolved

- **Documentation: Additional description tags were added to better define whether an attribute is optional and/or nullable**

  A new set of description tags - [nullable] or [not-null] has been added to indicate whether an attribute accepts a null value.

  The description tag - [optional] now indicates that the attribute is not required to be provided.

  A new description tag - [required] has been added to indicate that the attribute must be provided.

- **Enrolments: The endpoint for core classes > assigned staff did not properly check if the staff member was already inactive**

Report Writer

Improvements

- **Additional filters have been added to the Consecutive Absence Report to support showing active consecutive absence sets**

Staff Absences

Issues Resolved

- **ACL: The ACL 'Can View Sensitive Absence Data' hid too much information, including Lesson Plan Documents**

  The ACL 'Can view sensitive absence data' was updated to hide only sensitive data, rather than sensitive and surrounding data.

  If the ACL is set to None:

  — Users will be able to view:
    — Duration
    — Days
    — Dates
    — Staff Member name
    — Lesson Plan Notes
    — Lesson Plan documents
    — Lessons table data
  — Users will not be able to view:
    — Leave code
    — Reason
    — Flags
    — Approval status
    — Supporting leave documents

Student Profiles

Issues Resolved

- **Profiles V1: The Student Contact Card report did not print Doctor/GP details for certain students**
- **Flags: Comments for certain Manual flags were incorrectly hidden**

Wellbeing

Improvements

- **The file size limit when using the Wellbeing Import has increased**

Issues Resolved

- **Removed legacy 'Official Code Mapping' incident details**

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Core Platform

Improvements

- **DLM Labels: Most documents generated within Sentral for NSW DoE schools now display a proper DLM label printed at the top of the document**

  For NSW DoE schools only.

  As per NSW DoE policy request, the DLM labelling has been applied to documents generated out from Sentral. For MS Word and PDF documents, the label will be shown at the top of the document. For MS Excel files, the label will be inserted as the first worksheet.

  The label of: **DLM=OFFICIAL: Sensitive - Personal** will be applied to most most PDFs, Word, and Excel files generated from modules such as Admin Enquiry, Profiles, and Meetings etc

  The label of: **DLM=OFFICIAL: Sensitive - Health Information** will be applied to documents generated from Health module.

  Student academic report PDFs generated from the Academic Reports module is exempt and will not have any labels attached.

Issues Resolved

- **Calendar Dates: Recurring non-school days was setting the incorrect calendar day code for northern hemisphere schools**
- **Core: The Short Name field was visible on NSW Enrolments Schools**

Academic Reports

Improvements

- **Users can now specify that only students with Yes permission be included in Academic Reports, with the option toggled off by default.**

Issues Resolved

- **The Mark Distribution component did not retain the result ID during rollover**
- **The Student Filter did not work when any other filter was selected on the Generate Reports page**
- **The Secondary Assessable Effort Grade did not display when the effort scale was never used by any primary assessable**

Activities

Improvements

- **Users can now set up automatic reminders in Activities for Students and Parents**

  Activities | Setup | Automatic Reminders | New Reminder Rule

  Users can select **Parents** and **Students** in the Audience section of the form.

  When selecting **Parent**, the user can select from the following Delivery Methods - SMS, Email, Portal notification, Push notification.

  When selecting **Student**, the user can select from the following Delivery Methods - SMS, Email, Portal notification.

  Users can then select the category or activity type that triggers the notification and the timing and then compose the message.

- **Added the ability to configure an Activity or Excursion to be available for specific classes or roll classes**
- **When emailing an Activity Cohort, users can now select to send the email to recipients with no Response, or to recipients who confirmed participation**
- **Push notifications can be split out by activity cohorts. When selecting an activity cohort, users can specify if All, those with No permission response (either yes or no) or with Yes permission has been given. Default option is set to All.**

Issues Resolved

- **The Cost field on the Excursion tab displayed an incorrect value when one or more subsidy items had been added on the Costs tab**
- **The Medicare number was not populated when generating the Activities print roll**
- **The Attendance settings in the activity form caused absences to appear in the Attendance module even when the option was set to No**

  The setting description was updated to clearly explain that absences will only be created in the Attendance module when the value selected in the activity form specifies this behaviour and will not be created when the value indicates otherwise.

Attendance

Improvements

- **Generating attendance letters now generates letters for all Shared Residential Households when the Generate letters for Non-Residential Families option is unticked**

- **Administrators can now manage the display of travel routes in the Portal**
  Allows schools to control the travel methods available for Parent change requests via the Portal.
- **Added a new rule for Automatic Absence Notifications to only count absences based on whether attendances were submitted or not**

Issues Resolved
- **School Attendance: When uploading a letterhead image, headers did not fit across the full page and were resized too small**
- **School Attendance: Unsubmitted roll notifications still populated even when all roll submissions were disabled**
- **Flexible Classes: Unable to resubmit a Flexible Class roll once unsubmitted if a student in the roll had a suspension**
- **School Attendance Travel: Student marked as absent could not be deleted when AMPM mode was not used**
- **Automatic Staff Notifications were not being triggered for some schools**

Continuous Assessment
Improvements
- **Classes are now displayed in alphabetical order in the continuous assessment section**

Curriculum Reference
Improvements
- **Updated curriculum to include the subject English as an Additional Language (EAL)**

Dashboard
Issues Resolved
- **YouTube videos failed to load in the WYSIWYG editor**

Enrolments
Improvements
- **API: Added StudentCode filters to the Enrolment endpoints**

Issues Resolved
- **Enrolments: The legacy UI search no longer returns active students in Family Members section**
- **Enrolments: The Staff List export no longer excludes staff with a future end date**

Enterprise Setup
New Features
- **The report of deactivated accounts across all schools now includes linked school and portal user details**

Fees and Billing
Improvements
- **Billing Run: Added an export preview of billing run**
  For independent and ACT government schools:

To export a preview of the Student Fees Billing run (Billing > Student Fees Billing) to a csv file, click the Export button in the Bill Generation Summary section of the Finish screen.

For NSW government schools:

To export a preview of the Student Billing Run (Fee Creation > Student Billing Run) to a csv file, click the Export button in the Bill Generation Summary section of the Preview Fee screen.

- **Student Fees Billing: Simplified the Bill Generation Summary**

  This change applies to independent and ACT government schools only.

  On the Finish screen of the Student Fees Billing run (Billing | Student Fees Billing), the Fee Date and Due Date columns in the Bill Generation Summary section have been renamed to Instalment Date and Instalment Due Date, to more accurately describe the information that appears in these columns. These columns are only relevant for debtors whose fees are split into multiple separate invoices via an Instalment Plan (Setup | Fee Structures | Instalment Plans), so they will only appear if the billing run includes one or more such debtors.

- **Invoices/Fees: Added the ability to display students' legal names in invoices and fees**

  To select the student name format for invoices/fees, navigate to Setup | Fees, Billing & Payments/Finance Setup | Fees Billing & Invoicing Settings, and update the "Student name format for invoices/fees" setting. The selected format will be used for student names in invoice/fee line items. The available options are "Preferred Name Surname" and "Legal Name Surname". The "Preferred Name Surname" option is selected by default. If you want students' legal names to be displayed in invoices/fees, you will need to update this setting.

Issues Resolved

- **The Outstanding Fees export excluded students whose enrolment end date was earlier than the current date**

  Exports | Outstanding Fees

Interviews

Improvements

- **Added a setting that allows roll classes and classes to be selected or deselected by default when creating an interview**
- **Added the ability to copy virtual meeting links when using the copy session functionality**

Issues Resolved

- **Users were able to manage interview permissions even when the corresponding setting was not enabled**

Messaging

Improvements

- **Email Validator: Introduced a new email validation tool in Messaging to help schools check email addresses and remove suppressions**

  A new ACL called - Can access Email Validator tool has been added which will control which users can access and use the email validator tool located in Messaging | Management tab | Email Validator.

  The email validator will allow a user to input an email address that matches to a stored contact on the system. That email address will then be checked to see if it's valid and whether any suppressions have been applied. Users will have the ability to remove suppressions as well as see which messages had been sent the past where the email was listed as a recipient.

Issues Resolved

- **The badge on the Scheduled Messages menu tab displayed an incorrect count that did not match the number of pending scheduled messages.**

Portal Console

Issues Resolved

- **The Notification Status in the portal console did not display parent actions when a newsfeed item was read.**

REST API

Issues Resolved

- **Enrolments: Updates made via the Staff Employment endpoint expected an incorrect data type for the endDate attribute**

Sentral Setup

Improvements

- **Roll Classes: With the addition of the short name for roll classes, the short name is now available via the Roll Class Rollover wizard**

  For NSW DoE schools only.

  In Sentral Setup | Administration Data | Roll Classes, the Roll Class Rollover wizard now supports processing the short name for a roll class. The short name can be copied or renamed for the rolled over roll class.
- **Roll Classes: A prompt was added at the start of the Roll Class Rollover wizard, allowing users to select the year from which to roll over classes**

Staff Absences

Issues Resolved

- **Absences: Users were unable to add a timed absence for a staff member on a day when another timed absence was already recorded, even if the absences did not overlap**
- **Cover teachers who were unavailable appeared on the edit screen**

Student Profiles

Improvements

- **Profiles V2: Added the ability to search for and add staff as recipients using the Notify Teachers | Send via Sentral option**

Teacher App

Issues Resolved

- **Incident reports were duplicated when submitted through the Teacher app**

Timetables

Issues Resolved

- **An exception error was displayed when students were added to Timetable classes**

Wellbeing

Improvements

- **Teachers can now add a comment when creating an Award**

Comments added to Awards can be included in letters sent to parents as a merge field. Comments are also available in the Awards Export.

Issues Resolved
- **When exporting reports, the preferred name was generated instead of following the UI preference settings**
- **When importing Compass files, the date/time field was not mapped correctly to the incident**