

First Class 2000 Release Notes – Version 4 Build 606

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Please note: These Release notes are provided only to alert you to any changes in **First Class**. See the Help file in **First Class** for more on how to use the new features.

This release pertains to A+ mainly. If you are not going to use A+, check the First Class changes listed to see whether they are of use to you.

Release 567, (a couple of releases prior to this one), was a major release and required a new registration key. Schools with a Service and Support agreement would have been sent new registration keys automatically. Contact us if this didn't arrive.

Shaded items are new features or major changes to old ones.

Menu	Sub-Menu	Details
General	Export to Excel	Previously the export would not allow you to work with the numbers in Excel exports because they were exported as text. So ranges could not be summed etc. Now items are exported as 'General' format but non-numeric fields have an apostrophy prefixed so that Excel does not modify them (eg convert student ID mar03 into march-2003).
A+	Reports – Absence Reason Grid	This is now filtered by year level.
	Reports – Attendance by Student	Gives a student-by-student, subject-by-subject report on the classes the student has missed for the day. Settable parameters allow you to report by form, year level, student, show periods present and put one student per page as well as setting a date range.
	Reports – Today's Absences	Lists absent students by year level, and the fraction of the day they are absent.
	Reports – Reasons Summary	Both Reasons Summary reports now include the report type in the title.
	Reports – Cases Significant Absences	This report is one of those required by the Victorian Education Ministry. It indicates whether, according to Ministry guidelines, a student was "present" during the two half-days.
	Edit Roll	You can now filter by student, giving you the option to mark a student for a whole day before synchronizing, or editing a whole students absence details after the data has synchronized back with First Class.
Maintenance	PDA usage	When browsing rolls from a timetable view, you now have to click "Mark This Roll" at the bottom of the screen in order to be able to mark the currently viewed roll.
	Period	You can now put in a start and end time for periods, and designate which half-day (AM or PM) the period is in for the "Cases Significant Absence" report.
	Teacher	"Underallotted" and "Maximum Extras" can now be set as fractions.
Tools	Extras	If a class to be covered is at the bottom of the left pane of the EXTRAS screen, and you had to scroll down to view it, the screen now remains in that position when you cover the class. This means you won't have to keep scrolling down to cover those classes at the bottom of the screen.
	Timetable Generation	You can now resize this screen vertically as well as horizontally.
Reports	Bar Code – Custom	If the "Properties" of an item were set such that the item was off the designer screen, you could not click on it to delete it or to change the properties. This would lead to extra pages being in the preview and, possibly in the printout. Now, if the properties are set too high, the next time you open the designer to that page, the item will be at the right-hand edge of the designer screen at the nearest point to where it was off the screen.