

First Class 2000 Release Notes – Version 4 Build 640

1 December 2004

Please note: These Release notes are provided only to alert you to any changes in **First Class**. See the Help file in **First Class** (by pressing **F1**), for more on how to use the new features.

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

Menu	Sub-Menu	Details
General	Import – Text files	Import file structures now match, where appropriate, the field order of the maintenance screen. Specifically, the student and teacher imports have been changed to better match the fields in the maintenance screens.
A+	Reasons	Reasons can now be ordered according to your requirements. This will be the order in the “Edit Rolls” screen and in the reasons list on the PDA. It will also eventually be the order when marking rolls through a browser.
		You can also determine whether reasons show, either in the “Edit Rolls” screen, or on the PDA.
		Changed the “Approved Absence” field to “Treat As”, which determines how the absences are treated. This was done so that some Reasons, eg camp, could be treated as “Present”.
		For Victorian Government schools, there is now a button that allows you to change the reason codes to those that conform to CASES21 requirements.
	Edit Rolls	This hides the reasons set not to show in the “Reasons” screen, and uses the order set there.
		Filters now do not reset when dates are changed. This allows you to edit the rolls of, say, a particular student, without having to re-select.
	Reports – Attendances By Student	This has been changed so that it can be ordered in whatever way you wish.
	Reports – Today’s Absences	This report now groups correctly by year level.
	Reports – Attendance Rate	This is a new report. It is actually 2 reports. The first shows the percentage attendance rate for a student over all classes and the second shows their attendance rate per class.
	Reports – Cases Absence Summary	This is a new report specifically for Victorian Government schools. Use this printout for the figures to be entered into CASES21.
Options	A new “Pin Code” function has been added. This locks the route against student tampering.	
	SQL Server setup has been removed and moved to the “File” menu.	
PDA Screen	When using CASES21 codes (Victorian Government schools), some of the lesser-used reasons have been removed from the list as the list was too long.	
File	Export – To Another Application	In partnership with the CEO in Ballarat, we have produced an import to their program SIMON.
	Export – Custom SQL	Enter an SQL string, either provided by Human Edge, or write one yourself, to export data from the A+/First Class Web SQL database to Excel.
	SQL Server	Now has a sub-menu which contains the “Setup”, but it now also has the facility for backing up and restoring the SQL Server database.
	SQL Server Setup & SQL Server Synchronise	The location of the SQL server database setup has been moved to the file menu because it doesn't only apply to A+ now. A menu item SQL Server Synchronise has also been added for users of First Class Web.

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Maintenance	Subject	You cannot delete a subject that is used elsewhere. A warning is now given.
	Extras	New report – “Extras Day Summary” – added. This report shows a summary of all teacher extras, room extras, cancelled classes, camps and extra classes sorted by teacher.
		“Changes Summary” sub reports and “Today’s Extras” can now be sorted by period as well as by the default.
		“Extras History” and “Absentee History” reports now do not allow the situation where just a heading is at the bottom of a page. In this case, the heading will go to the top of the next page.
Tools	Block Generation	When students’ clash screens are shown, the subjects are now shown in selection order.
	Timetables	Inactive teachers no longer appear on Master timetables.
	Configuration	There is an extra checkbox that governs whether the export “To Excel” exports the data as text, or attempts to format it.
Reports		The font on the subtitle of all reports has been modified to avoid it being cut off in the printout.
Help	Register	This has been updated so that users who have set their computer clock too far into the future which causes their rego key to expire can have their databases unlocked.
First Class Web		This has been completely re-written in ASP.NET. The .NET environment provides better development tools along with a quicker application response time. A major benefit for schools is that the Server does not need to be brought down with a new FCWEB release.
	Timetable Viewer	This now allows you to expand the blocks, and to line separate the items, as in First Class itself. When expanded, block names are in Bold font.
		There is a “Show Report” and an “Export PDF” link at the bottom of the page. “Show Report” displays the timetable in a more printer friendly format. “Export PDF” creates a PDF file of the displayed timetable. This file can either be opened immediately in Internet Explorer, or saved.
	Finder	There has been a slight change in the way this works in that you choose what type of search – “Normal” or “Student” in order to search for teachers etc, in the first case, or students in the second case. Doubles are now also taken into account in the search.
	A+ - Take Rolls	This allows you to mark your rolls via a browser in much the same as the PDA screen display. Schools can now use the Intranet and/or the PDA devices.
	A+ - Timetable Viewer	With this option you can view the classes for an item for the day. Select one to go to that roll.