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### About This Release:

Release 790 Is now available for downloading from our website. Some important new features contained in this release are:

In First Class:

- You can now display allocations (both automatic and fixed) in your own colours.

This is particularly useful if you have an LCD display.

- A new student report has been included that highlights un-allocated classes and also indicates those that are due to possible or actual clashes.

In A+:

- Roll data can be imported from one database into another.
- When editing student rolls in "Edit Roll", if dates or date ranges are changed, the student and reason remain on the currently selected ones. If the year level is changed, the date (range) remains on the current one.
- Combined timetabled classes are now created as a single roll in the Roll Edit, First Class Web, and on the PDA.
- Three new reports have been added...
  - "Student Attendance Review" for Year Level Co-ordinators. It lists, period-by-period, the attendance of students. When grouped by blocked class, the option to print in Landscape orientation is available.
  - "Attendance Alert" to pinpoint students who may regularly be missing particular subjects.
  - "Coordinator Alert" for Year Level Coordinators. Lists "at risk" students according to whether they have had a certain number of consecutive absences, a number of days absent out of another number of days, absent unapproved for more than a certain number of periods in a day, or, have been late.
- There is an export of the roll data to Cases.

Please also note that when a new database is created, all Explanation Letter bar codes are reset to start again at 1. This may cause some problems with letters that were generated using the old database. In this case, the Edit Roll will not recognize the letter, so you will have to edit the student's absence manually.

First Class Web version 790 is also available. The main changes are:

- Now runs on a wider range of browsers (including Safari).
- Combined classes show as a single list, as it does on the PDA.

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**Any Other Ideas?**

Remember, we depend on the feedback of our users to determine the enhancements to be included in our software. If you have any brilliant ideas, (or even not so brilliant, but important), give me, Robert Bakker, a call on 1300 301 931, or email me at [rob@humanedge.biz](mailto:rob@humanedge.biz).





## Electronic Roll Marking Software

**If you need any further information about enabling electronic roll marking in First Class, please call Gary Stoneham on 1300 550 765.**

<b>First Class</b>		
<b>File</b>	 <b>SQL Server Setup – Advanced – Import APlus Data</b>	<p>There is now a facility for importing roll data from one database into another. This is useful for archiving data into a common database, or importing a part of a year’s data into a new database.</p>
<b>A+</b>	<b>Edit Rolls</b>	<p>The “Generate/Update Roll Data” now displays any timetabled combined classes as a single roll in “Edit Roll”, First Class Web, and on the PDA. This means that the roll will only have to be marked once. Note that roll selectors in all these places will display the name of the class differently from a normal class.</p>
		<p>When “Student” is selected as the filter, and the date (range) is changed, the currently selected student remains selected. The currently selected reason also remains selected.</p>
	<b>Roll Conflicts</b>	<p>When you apply a clash, "Would you like to mark this student as [Reason] Yes/No" appears. Previously it didn't show the saved reason, which may have been confusing. Also, if there is more than one note you will be asked which note you would like to use.</p>
	<b>Reports</b>	<p>Where appropriate, report options screens show forms in the student selection tree-view.</p>
	 <b>Reports - Student Attendance Review</b>	<p>The Attendance Review report displays, using characters for each type of absence, a summary of attendance for each period both in core classes and in blocked classes. It is much like the traditional student attendance booklet, except it shows one day at-a-time and shows all periods for the day. The characters used, and their meanings are; A (Absent Unapproved), N (Absent Approved), P (Present), U (Unmarked) and L (Late).</p> <p>The options are...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group students in the tree-view either by year level or form.</li> <li>• Group by period or by blocked class.</li> </ul> <p>When “By Blocked Class” is selected, there is an option to print either in Portrait or Landscape orientation. Landscape will print up to 20 dates, i.e., at least one month. When it is not selected, blanks in the report indicate that either the student had no class that period, or that student was left “unmarked”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select only those students you wish to report on.</li> <li>• Select a date or date range.</li> <li>• Group the student by class and/or by gender.</li> </ul>

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	 <b>Reports - Attendance Alert</b>	<p>This is an alert for students who have had a number of absences from a particular subject.</p> <p>The options are...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select only those students you wish to report on.</li> <li>• Select a date or date range.</li> <li>• Set a minimum number of student absences to be shown on the list.</li> <li>• Show only certain reasons for absence.</li> <li>• Group students by subject or form.</li> </ul>
	 <b>Reports - Coordinators Alert</b>	<p>This report gives year coordinators a quick look at "at risk" students.</p> <p>The options are...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select only those students you wish to report on.</li> </ul> <p>Students can be listed by year level, form or house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select a date up to which the report is to apply.</li> <li>• Report on only those reasons you wish to.</li> <li>• You can report on students that have been <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ absent for a certain number of consecutive days</li> <li>○ absent for a number of days out of another number of days</li> <li>○ absent unapproved for more than a certain number of periods in a day</li> <li>○ late</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>Generate/ Update Roll Data</b>	See "Edit Rolls" above.
	<b>Cases Export</b>	There is now an export that can be imported into the Cases Absence Summary. This will append to the records existing there, so can be done progressively.
<b>On the PDA</b>	<b>Roll Edit</b>	When combined classes are synchronized (see above), they appear as a single roll on the PDA as well, but with a /a between the subject names.

## First Class Web

		First Class Web has been modified to run on a wider range of browsers, including Safari.
<b>A+</b>	<b>Take Rolls</b>	Combined classes are now displayed as a single class, thus only requiring marking once. When selecting these classes, the selector will indicate that they are the result of combining classes.