

Overview of Update 2026-8

Hi all,

Major Carer Orbit Update in this release!

We're pleased to work with Orbit to bring you a big haul of feature enhancements to Carer Orbit and Edumate:

Update My Details in Carer Orbit!

Multiple Media Permissions Categories - Each school configures the categories for media permissions; Carers can respond via Update My Details in Carer Orbit.

Event Transport - ability to have event-level transport options, selected from a master list by the school. Each event can have different options.

Confirmation of Medical Information by carers for select events when giving permission. Handled by a checkbox on the app request in Carer Orbit app and updated if needed by the carer in Orbit App using Update my Details.

Space & Broadcast Posts list view (Orbit Newsfeed) - the first **attached** image in a post is used as a thumbnail in the Orbit Newsfeed, when present.

Space and Broadcasts Posts - embedded Youtube videos working again (no thanks to Youtube!)

Absence in advance - school set optional maximum limit for consecutive days that can be requested via App + custom message + link.

New Orbit App Setup screen - improved, safe access to Orbit look and feel settings by Admin staff, without exposing technical settings.

Orbit App Setup - User's view preview - provide a Homescreen preview of styling being applied.

Next to be released

- **Canvas sync (tasks and results)** - after a long process aligning Edumate's wide-ranging scoring options with Canvas Speedgrader outputs, we're ready to go!
- **New Signin/Signout screen** - we've heard your suggestions, added some of our own, and included them in a new, more intuitive and informative interface, especially for Attendance Clerks. Now in final stages of development .
- **Update My Details Approvals by "Category"** - currently the staff approver of submitted Update My Details data has to process ALL of the information. We've heard you! Soon you'll be able to make and configure categories that particular submitted data belongs to and assign user/s to process the data assigned to the category only - think Categories of GENERAL (Admin staff) and MEDICAL (School Nurse)! Ready for development.

- **User "Masquerade" for admins** - use Edumate as a user sees it, without faking login credentials. Embedded in upcoming ACL Permissions Review Tool - see Product Development Corner.

Read below for the details of what else is in this release. Also, check out Development Corner - we have great other new features also on the way!

All work is now being released to Edumate Version 7.0 only.

Released Items

NEW! Edumate Carer Orbit Enhancements

We've worked hard with Orbit to bring you a new batch of enhancements to your carers' experience, via Carer Orbit.

Get all of the details and instructions on setup at [Edumate Carer Orbit Feature Updates July 2026](#). (Edumate Help Articles>Orbit Apps and Edumate Portals>Edumate Carer Orbit Feature Updates July 2026).

EDU-17360: History Notes - show time and date of upload correctly

History note (all contact types) now accurately show the upload (or reupload) date and time.

EDU-18030: IP short Print formatting

Corrected a problem that occurred when Short Print was selected, but there was a LOT of data. The PDF now paginates correctly, regardless of the amount of data returned.

EDU-18216: Space Management - error on SUSPENDING a Space

Fixed a remnant Edumate 7 migration problem where a Space could not be successfully suspended.

EDU-18512: Medical Centre Dashboard

We've put action buttons for "New..." at the top as well as the bottom of Sickbay Today and Medications to Administer Today grids to help when these lists are long.

EDU-18479: Carer Reason Submissions screen behaviour - absent today, due to illness

Following user feedback, we've amended the workflow for "absence in advance" submissions made ON THE DAY of the absence - this is when the carer uses Carer Orbit to advise that a student will not be coming to school today due to illness (SICK). Previously these submissions appeared on the Submissions screen and needed to be reviewed by staff. We have made these submissions behave the same as absence explanation submission (past dates for reason SICK) - they are now automatically accepted and processed without appearing on the submissions screen. Note that submissions made ON THE DAY that are Reason "OTHER" will still be shown on the submissions screen, as these require review and application of a valid reason type.

This is all about saving time for the busy Attendance Clerk.

EDU-18421: Welfare - restore referrals to individual staff

We've restored functionality of the ability to refer a welfare item to an individual staff contact, in addition to the option to refer to a role. The referral recipient box on the RIGHT side now works correctly. Choose between referring to a ROLE or an individual CONTACT.

Product Development Corner

Agentic AI coming for Edumate

We're currently working on 3 projects that will bring agentic AI safely into Edumate - to analyse data and make recommendations, and to assist with complex technical tasks:

- **Academic Reports: Student course inclusion/exclusion console and Proofing Tool**
- These new tools will simplify the initial setup then finalisation of Academic Reports:
 - identify students registered in two classes within a course - do before opening the report period;
 - identify students who have left the school - do before opening the report period;
 - look for incomplete/empty data in each student's Academic Report – do just before printing.
- **ACL Permissions Review Tool** - what exactly has a user been given? What can they do? Does anything look wrong or suspicious? Also gives insight into the recommended Edumate Default ACL Framework. Simply obtained peace of mind for system admins. Includes a fully audited "Masquerade as another user" functionality - see what they see.
- **Case Management System** - a complete management system with AI smarts to make recommendations for complex and critical/high risk incidents and cases - bullying, WHS, complaints, legal threats. Bring a solid school-defined workflow, detection, documentation, actions, accountability and audit into these areas.

We'll be talking about and publishing more details about these as the projects continue towards release. If you want to know more now, contact greg.collins@edumate.com.au or call 0438341870.

Released to...

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