

EDSAS Add on applications: ESAS - Enhanced Student Attendance System



SCHOOL MATRIX[®] ESAS

“(School MATRIX[®] - ESAS) is considered to provide significant support to sites in analyzing, monitoring and following up on student absence and I commend it to you.”

Sherry Thompson, EARLY CHILDHOOD AND STATEWIDE SERVICES. DECS

What is SCHOOL MATRIX[®] - ESAS?

SCHOOL MATRIX[®] - ESAS is a set of applications designed to help schools better manage student absences. SCHOOL MATRIX[®] - ESAS is unique in that it is fully integrated with EDSAS and is accredited by the SA Department of Education and Children’s Services

What are the SCHOOL MATRIX[®] - ESAS applications?

Dux Assistants

- Enables teachers and office staff to mark **roll class** and **subject class absences**
- Allows teachers and office staff to record absences with **bar code readers** or **scanners**
- Provides comprehensive additional **student absence reports**
- Allows teachers to maintain **student behaviour** data and disciplinary follow up action
- Presents in one screen the most commonly accessed EDSAS data for a student

Incidental Absences

- Allows schools to set up **kiosk computers** where students securely log in late arrival, early departure and periodic absences during school hours
- Kiosks print **student absence receipts** for students to hand in to their teachers as validation that their absences from class have been recorded.
- Provides the option to have kiosk entries maintained by office staff instead of students
- Provides a **comprehensive list of reports** including an **emergency evacuation** report
- Allows **automatic parent email notification** of student absences with possible SMS facility in the future

Teacher Assistant - Palm Pilot

- Enables teachers to record student data including absences, assessment and behaviour using an affordable Palm Pilot PDA (Personal Digital Assistant)
- Synchronises data captured in a PDA to the school’s EDSAS
- Allows teachers and school executives to download limited EDSAS student data to a PDA to use whilst on playground duty, at school excursions or during extended holiday periods.
- Data loaded in PDAs is encrypted and password protected.

How much does it cost?

The SCHOOL MATRIX[®] - ESAS license fees are waived provided schools purchase a one or a two year maintenance contract from VIP Tone. The cost of a maintenance contract is listed in the Department’s letter which is attached to this pamphlet.

Who will provide support to schools

SCHOOL MATRIX[®] - ESAS is an extension of EDSAS and as such will be supported by the Department in the same way it supports EDSAS.

How easy is it to install SCHOOL MATRIX® - ESAS?

Schools that purchase a maintenance contract will receive an *Activation Key* from VIP Tone. Using this key with EDSAS release 2007.0 will turn on the *DUX Assistants* and *Incidental Absences* modules. Schools will also receive easy to follow installation and setup instructions for the *Teacher Assistant*.

What are the benefits of a maintenance contract?

Schools that purchase a maintenance contract get free use of any or all of the EDSAS add on applications and regular free upgrades

How does my school purchase a maintenance contract?

Schools should email or fax a school purchase order (for a **one or two year** maintenance contract) to

Email to: Ms Suzanne Lucas-Perring at: esas@viptone.com.au
Or Fax to: SCHOOL MATRIX® - ESAS Maintenance
Attention: Ms Suzanne Lucas-Perring
Fax number 08 8231 8266

The purchase order should include the school name, school number as well as a name and a secure email address for a contact person to whom VIP Tone will send the school's *activation key*.

What about schools that have old licenses for *Teacher Assistant*.

Separate contracts for this product are no longer available. In anticipation of the new arrangements, VIP Tone did not seek to renew maintenance contracts in 2006 or 2007 for the *Teacher Assistant*

Schools that purchase a one or two year maintenance contract will benefit from upgraded versions of these applications as well as the use of the additional applications and will get ongoing support and free upgrades.

Why order now and what is the advantage of a two year contract?

Schools that order before May will not be affected by likely future CPI based increases in cost. In addition, schools that order a two year contract receive a 33% discount on the second year costs.

How do I learn more about SCHOOL MATRIX® - ESAS?

Interested schools should visit VIP Tone's web site www.viptone.com.au, where more details about SCHOOL MATRIX® - ESAS are published.

What about training and related services?

Details of VIP Tone's SCHOOL MATRIX® - ESAS training program and professional services (such as consultancy, implementation planning, PDA set up and data cleansing) are published on VIP Tone's website www.viptone.com.au

Features at a glance

- Enhanced reports on student absences
- Management of student behaviour and discipline data
- Speedy Roll class and Subject class Absence recording using keyboard, bar code readers, scanners and PDAs
- Kiosks to facilitate recording incidental absences including late arrivals, early departures and short absences during school hours
- Automatic parent notification when students are absent
- PDAs loaded with student personal data
- Free support from the Department's Help Desk



Free licenses for
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For more details please visit www.viptone.com.au and click on the SCHOOL MATRIX® - ESAS link