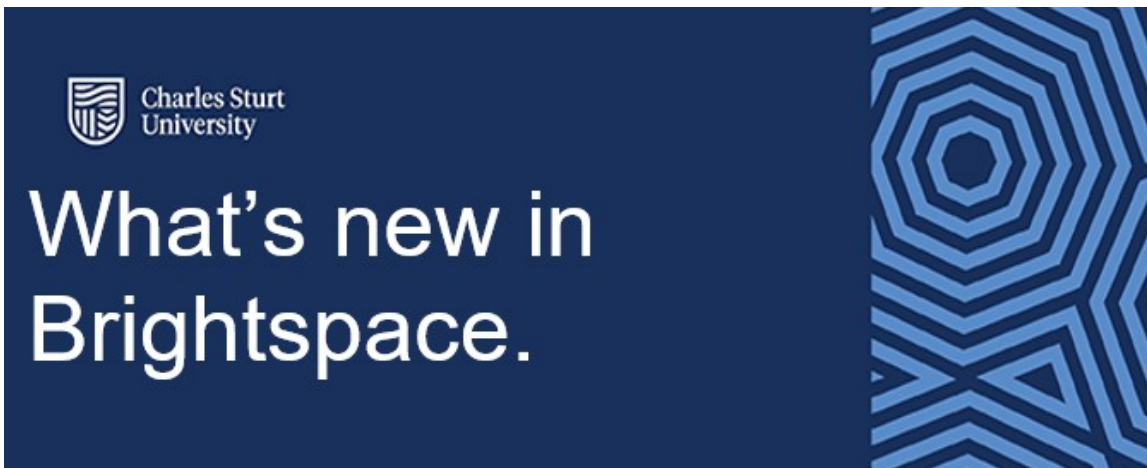


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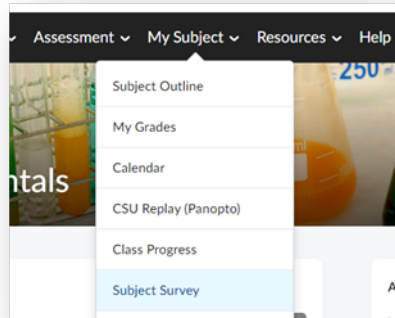
Dear colleagues,

We're well under way in preparations for Session 2/60 and excited about helping staff and students transition to Brightspace for the start of teaching and learning. Updates are being introduced into Brightspace from today, as summarised below:

**Updates to the Production Environment:**

- **Roles:**
  - **Teaching Staff role:** The ability to edit grade items will be removed.
  - **Teaching Staff (Additional) and Appointed Lecturer role:** 'Teaching Staff (Additional)' and 'Appointed Lecturer' roles currently have identical permissions. 'Teaching Staff (Additional)' will be removed, with those allocated to that role transferred to Appointed Lecturer.
  - **Faculty and School Administration role:** is now available for Faculty Admin Managers, Subject Admin Managers, Heads of School and senior faculty administration, with the ability to add staff in ACSES from next week.
  - Please refer to our [Roles and Permissions guidance](#) for more information.
  
- **Bulk enrolments for organisation sites:**
  - Bulk Enrolment functionality is being enabled for organisation sites, allowing staff with the appropriate access to upload lists of new users to the site.
  - Staff who require support to carry out this operation are asked to contact the Polaris email inbox in the first instance.
  - Note: in subject and course sites, enrolment of new users is primarily managed via the Banner integration.
  
- **Integrate Zoom to the Calendar:**

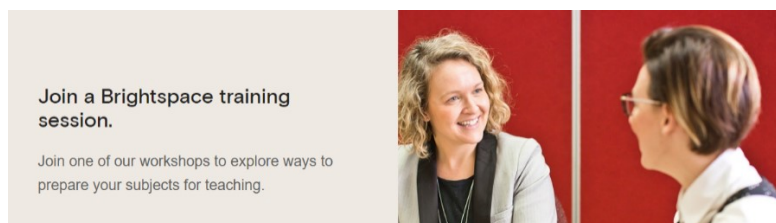
- An issue was identified where Zoom meetings were not creating Brightspace calendar entries.
  - This has been corrected, with Zoom meetings now created directly within the Brightspace calendar using the Zoom LTI.
- **Gradebook**
    - Gradebook is getting easier to read with the removal of the duplicate Final Calculated Grade column
  - **Subject experience survey (Course Evals)**
    - The Subject Experience Survey link has been added to the 'My Subject' dropdown on the subject site navigation bar, called 'Subject Survey'.



*Image: 'Subject Survey' drop down under 'My Subject' in navbar.*

## Training

LMS Training continues and workshops are available for staff to [book via our website](#). You can also see the recordings [here](#) to learn at your own pace.



## Brightspace Learning

The LMS Implementation [web page](#) is constantly refreshed with resources to assist you with things like migration information, key dates, FAQ's and more.

Web articles for Brightspace help are available [here](#) and also linked below. We will keep you updated via this bulletin, as new items are published.

### Published web articles

- [Roles and permissions in Brightspace](#)
- [Set up My Grades](#)
- [Use the staff profile widget](#)
- [Enrol users in your site](#)
- [Prepare your site for teaching](#)
- [Organise subject content](#)
- [Design and deliver accessible subjects](#)
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[Mark quizzes](#)  
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[Use intelligent agents to automate communication](#)

### **Further Support**

As normal, please lodge any technical, tool or Brightspace migration issues [through Cherwell](#).

Regards,

**The LMS Project Team**