DENBIGH ADMINISTRATION

Introduction to Denbigh

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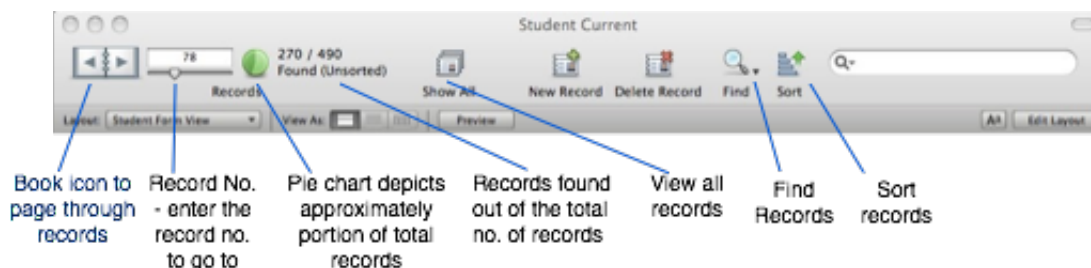When logging in ensure that your name is not in red when logging into the system. You may not have all the correct permissions if Denbigh does not know who you are.
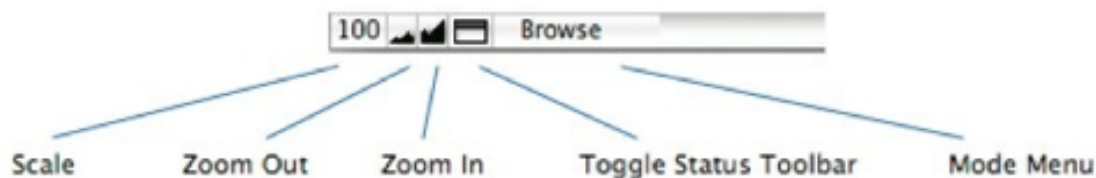
Toolbars

1 - Click to scroll record to record, 2 - Record Number (can enter a number to go to a record), 3 - Pie Chart depicts approximately the portion of total records (click to see converse result), 4 - Records Found out of total number of records, 5 - View all records (after finished with a find) 6 - Find Records in any field, 7 - Sort Records on any field
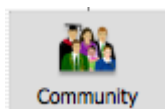
Buttons and Icons

1 - Scale size of window, 2 - Zoom out, 3 Zoom in, 4 - Status Toolbar toggle, 5 - Mode Menu (Browse, Find, Layout and Preview).

Community File

Denbigh is based around a community file, only 1 community record per person. A person may be a member of different files, Staff, Students Current, Former, Further and Family, which will give them a status.
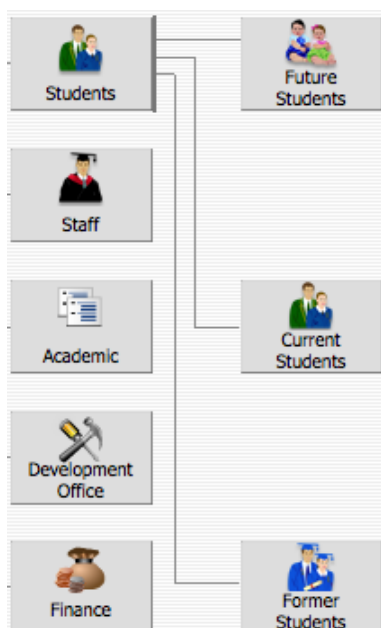
Family File

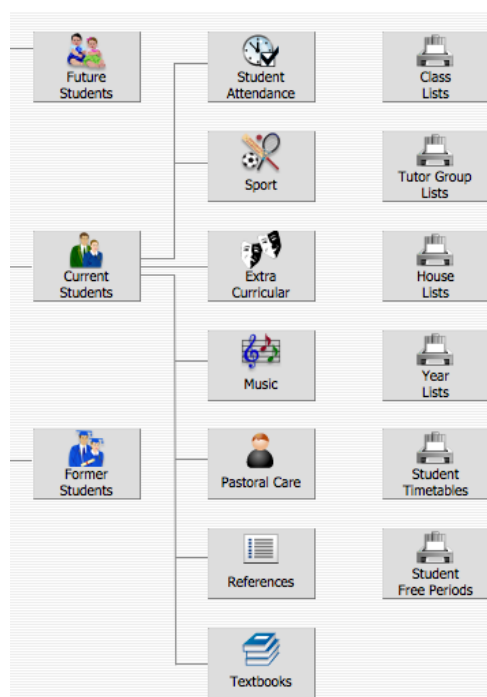All families are attached to students either Current, Former or Future.

Students Files - Future, Current and Former

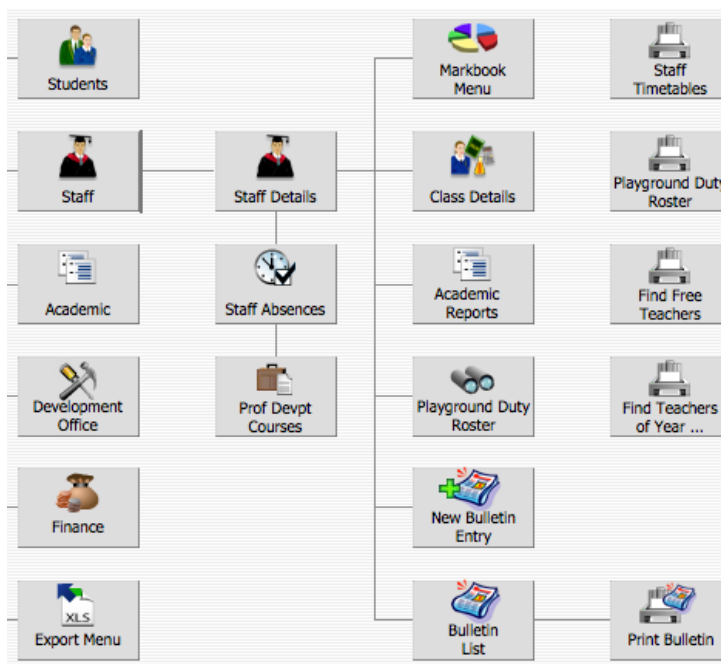There should only be one student record either Future, Current or Former.

Current Students - Related Files

Student Attendance, Sport, Extra Curricular, Music, Pastoral Care, Reference and Textbooks are all files that relate to the current students.
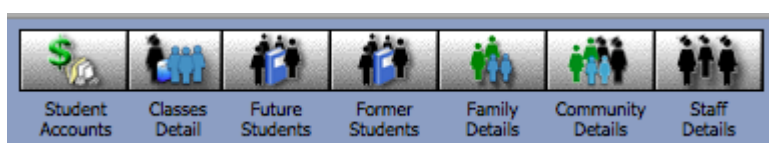
Staff File

Staff absence, Professional Development, Daily Bulletin, Playground Duty are all files that relate to the Staff File.
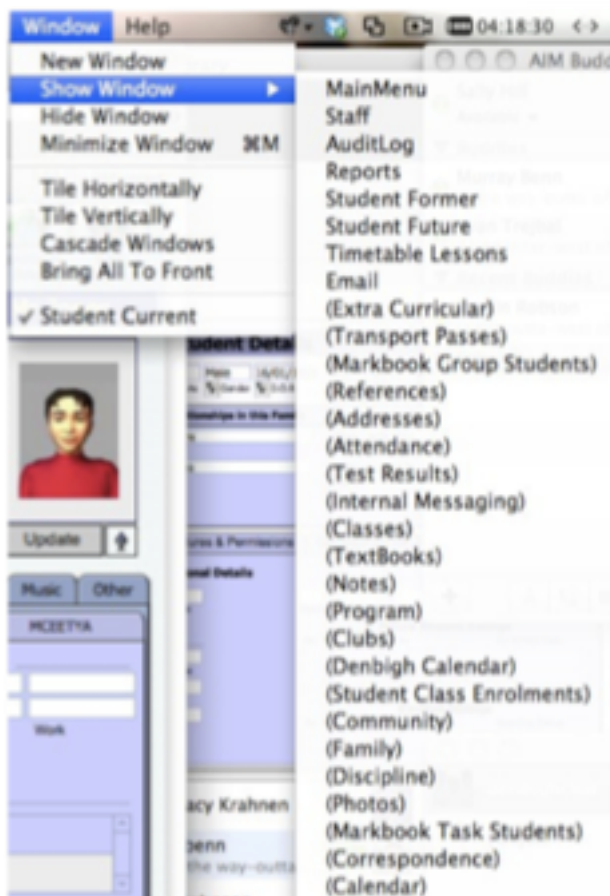
Working with Records

Click the pages of the teledex button to view each record, or drag the scroll bar.
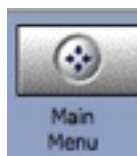
Moving from one file to another

Click to go to a file. Also click on the Window Menu and choose a file from the Show Window option.
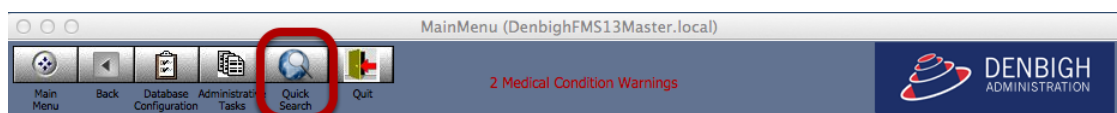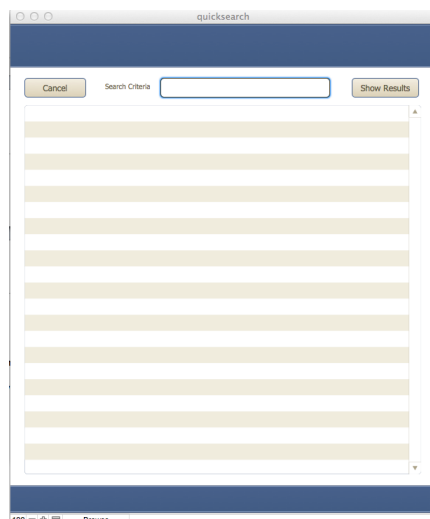
Click on the Main Menu button to go back to the main menu at any time, to also go to another file.
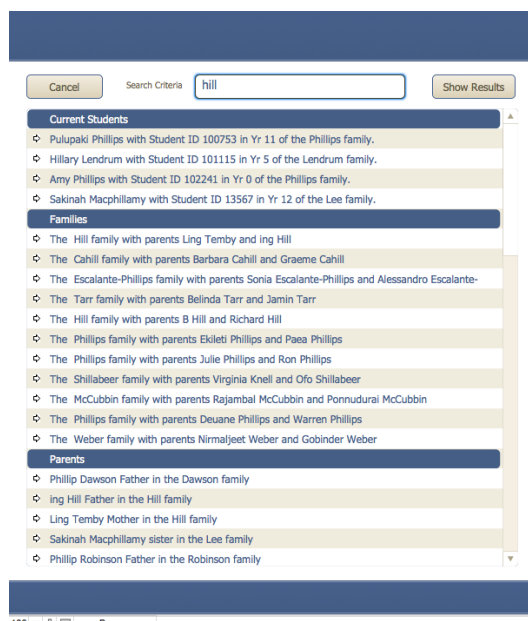

Quick Search

Click the Quick Search button on the Main Menu to search any person in the database.

Enter the search criteria and press the tab, enter keys or click the "Show Results" button.

List of matching data will display, grouped in type of person. Click on the arrow to go to that person's record.

Click the Mainmenu button at any time to back to the Mainmenu. The Back button will take you back to the previous layout that you were on. View as list displays records in a list view. Find Student will to into Find for searching. Search Assistant will display options for quick searches (e.g. finding all primary or secondary students).

Viewing records as forms or lists

Click the View as List button to view the current records in list view

View records as list

Click to view records in form view

Finding Records - Quick Find

Using the Quick Find feature you are able to search across any field on a layout without needing to enter Find mode or specify the value in more than one field. This will depend on which fields have been set for this feature and in which layout.   This example show finding tutor group 12.2.

Finding Records
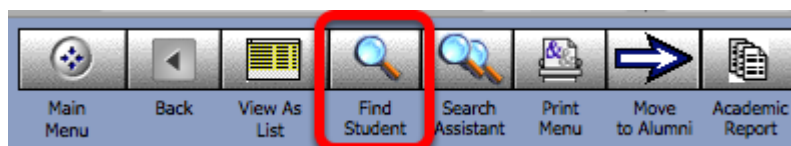
Click on the Find Student button to Find or use the keyboard short cut Command (Windows) or ⌘ (Mac) F. All fields appear blank so that you can search on any fields or multiple fields.

Mode Button

The mode displays on the bottom left of all screens. To change the Mode button to Find. All fields appear blank so that you can search on any fields or multiple fields.

Perform Find
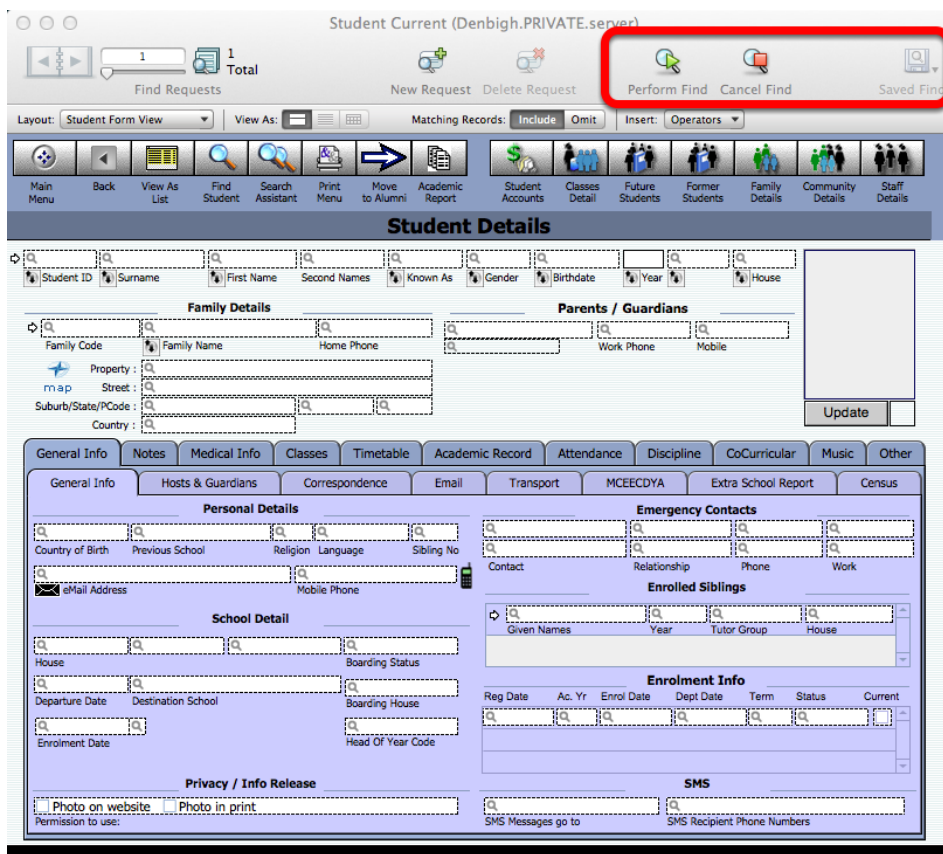
Click the "Perform Find" or the Enter key to perform the find. To cancel the find click the "Cancel Find" or to view previous Finds, click on the Saved Finds button.

Performing an "And" Find
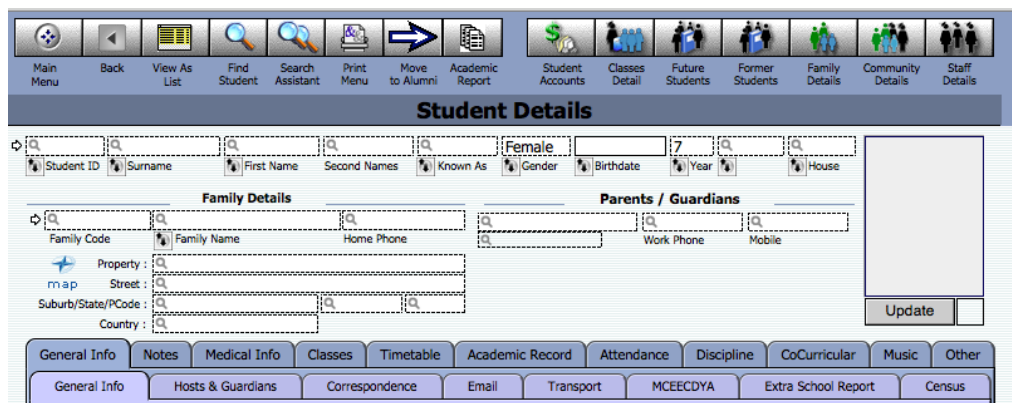
Enter data in multiple fields. In this example it will find all females in year 7.

Performing an "Or" find

Click find enter the details of the first criteria to search, then Click "New Request".

Enter the second Criteria, then click Perform Find.

Find Result

This will find all females and all year 7 students.

Constraining the Found Set

Click find enter the details to constrain the found set to, in this example we had found all females and year 7 students. We are now going to just find those in this found set that are in the Blue House.

Enter the data (Blue) in the House field, go to the Requests menu and choose "Constrain Found Set".

Find Result

This has now found within the previous find, only students in the Blue house.

Extend the Found Set

Click Find and enter the criteria. Add year 7 in the academic field.
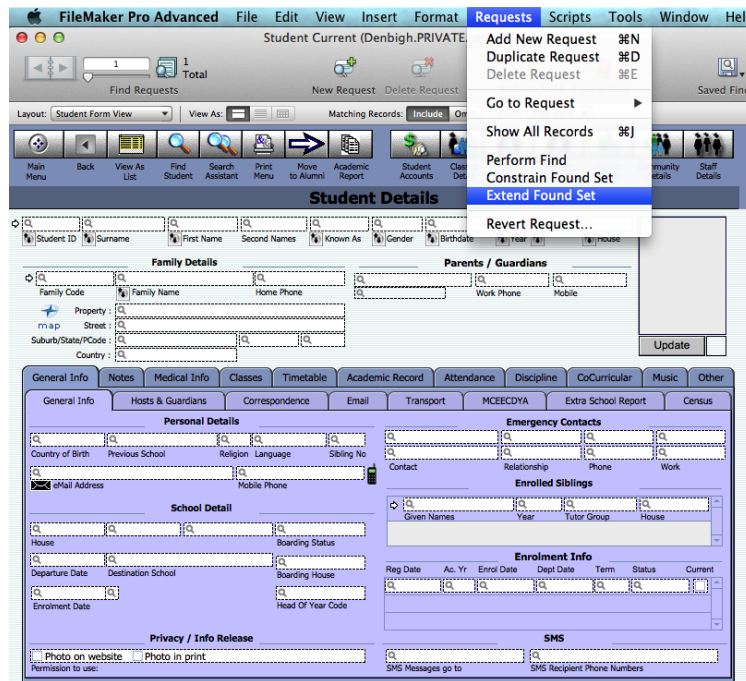
From the requests menu choose "Extend Found Set".

Find Results
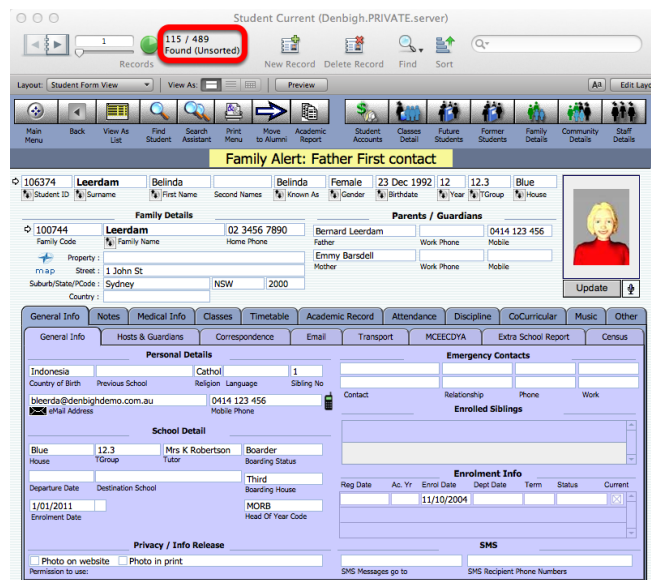
Added all students in year 7 to the previous find.

Omitting data in a Find

In this example we have found all students in year 9, but need to exclude all students that are in 9.2 Roll Class. First perform a find of year 9 students. Click Find enter 9 in the Year field, then Click to Perform Find.

Click the the Find button. Enter 9.2 in the tutor group field and then click the "Omit" button. The Omit button on the status area, causes the found results to be Omitted from the results rather than displayed, which is useful when you wish to eliminate data from

displaying in a list.

Constrain the found Set
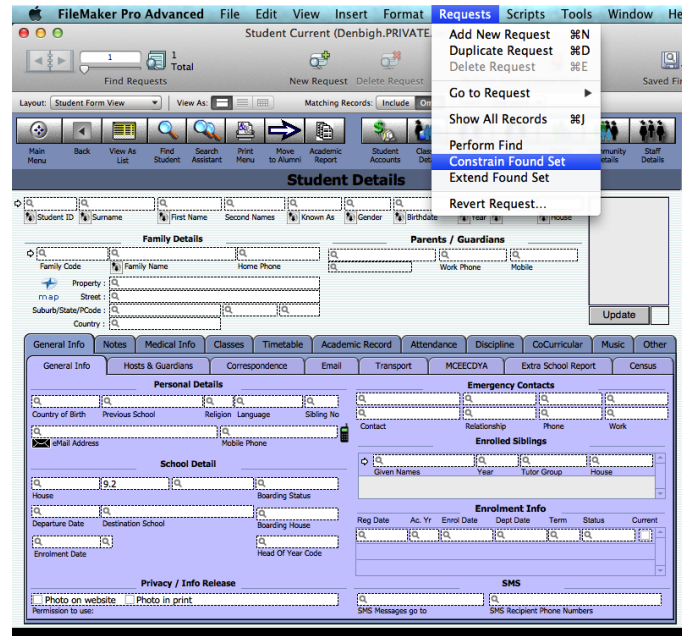
From the Requests menu, choose Constrain Found Set.

Find Results
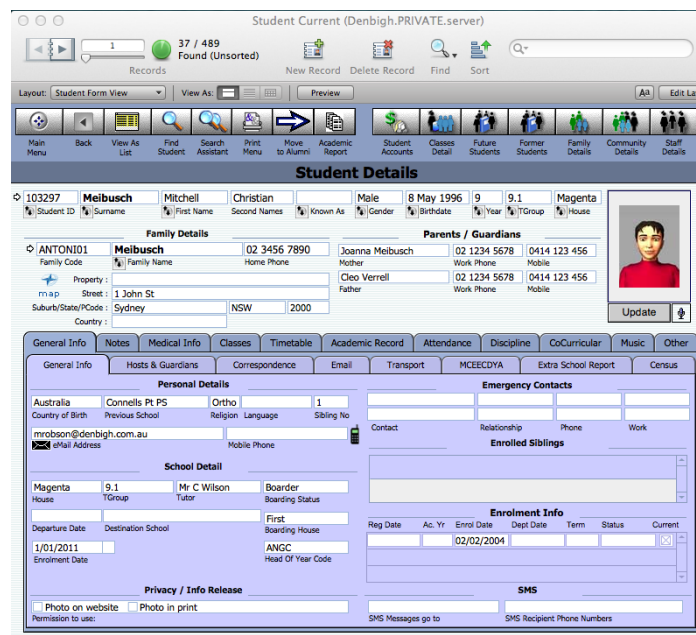
This finds all students in year 9 except 9.2 tutor group.

Find using Operators
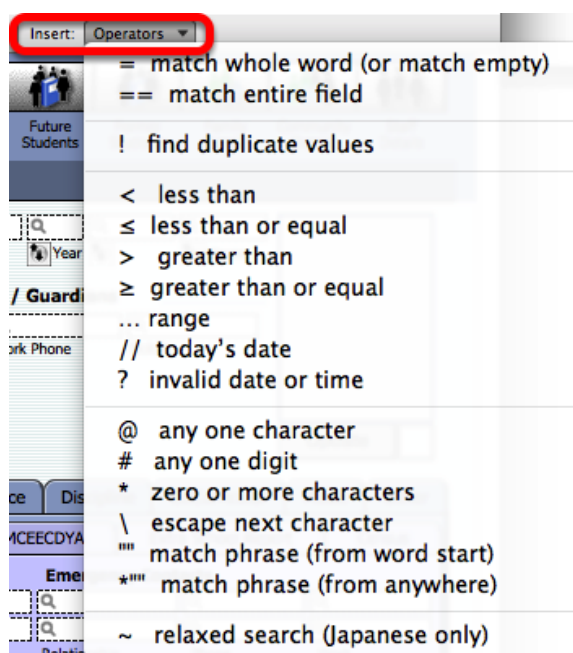
More advanced searches can be run using an Operator. it is a symbol or instruction that allows you to make your find request specific or apply some logic to the find.

Clicking on the operators box to show the menu of operators that can be used in the search criteria. for example to find all students above year 9, you would enter ">9" (greater than 9). To find a range of students from year 9 to 12 enter "9...12".

Find in any Field - Right mouse click
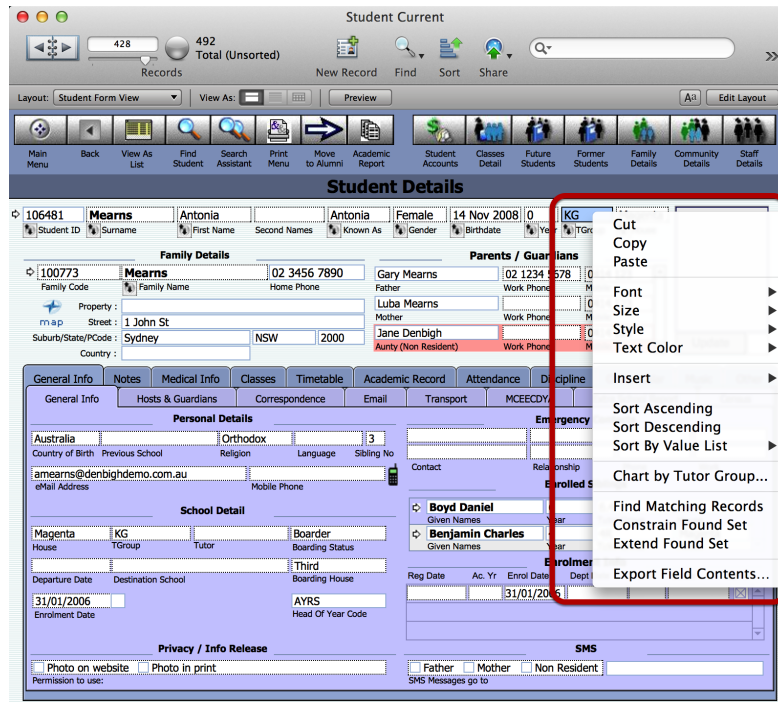
In any field, use the mouse to right click in the field. Choose either Find Matching records, or Constrain Found set to Find with in a Find.

Using Shortcuts or function keys
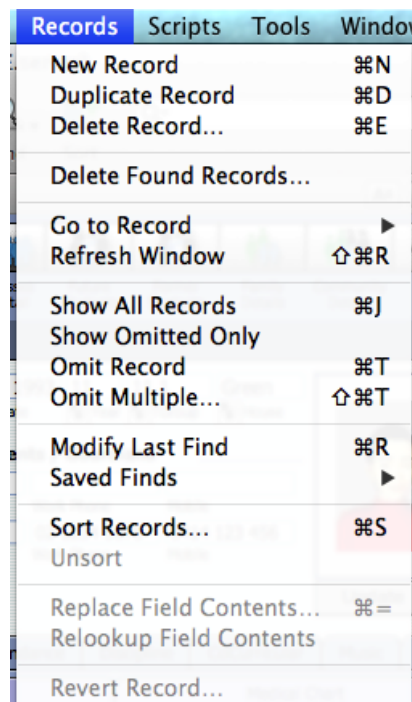
Some of the functions available in the Filemaker menus also have shortcuts usually using the Command(⌘ Apple) key. For example to Show all records hold down the ⌘ key and the letter "J".

Find Student (New Versions of Denbigh 2014)
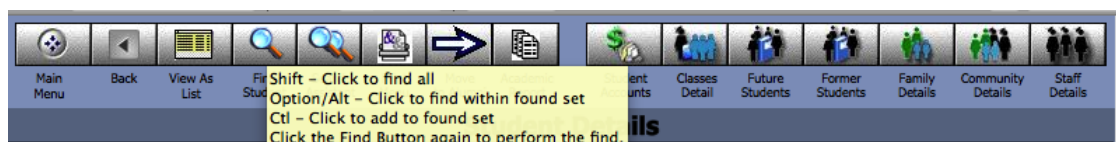
Find all - hold down the shift key and click the Find Student button
Find within in a found set - Hold down the Options/Alt key
Find and add to the found set - Hold down the Control key
Click the Find button or the Continue button to perform the find
This function is available for Current, Future and Former Students.

Search Assistant
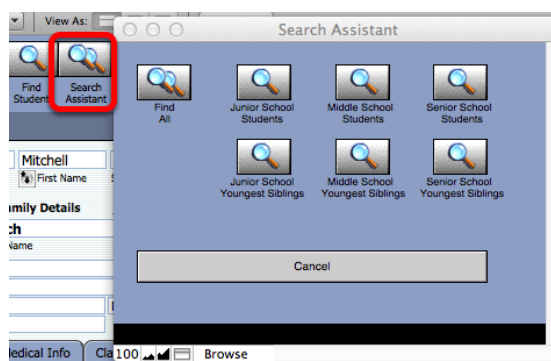
Clicking the Search Assistant button will display a popup menu with a choice of Search functions. (This may vary depending on the school).

Saved and Recent Finds
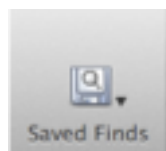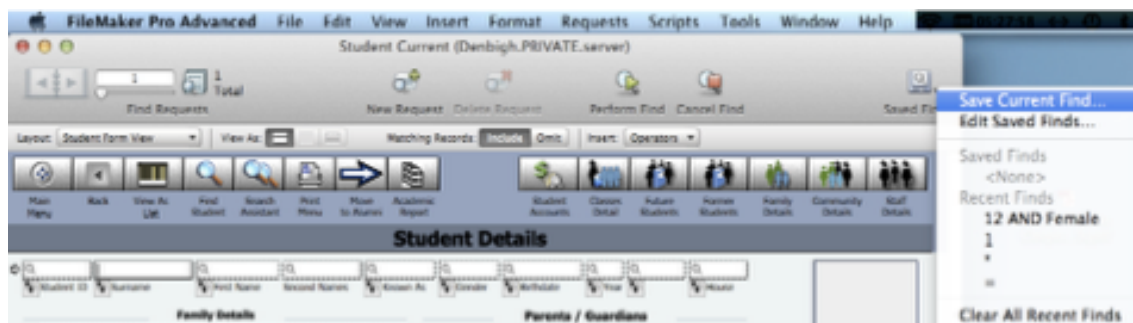
You can see your last several finds in the Recent Finds list. Also if you have a complex find request that you want to use on a regular basis, you can name it and have it for later use.

Finding random records with Mark Function

By clicking the checkbox beside a record, then clicking the find marked button will find just those records.

Find Results
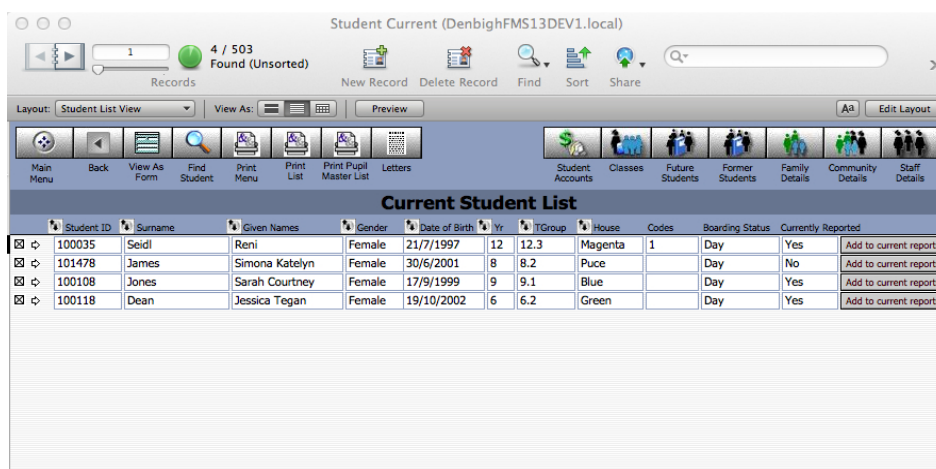
Found just the checked records.

Sort Records

Most of the layouts have a sort button on the main fields within that layout to simply sort on those fields.

Wherever that button appears click to sort. Numeric fields are usually sorted lowest to highest and alpha fields a to z.   To sort in descending holding down the Options key (Alt key on Windows).

Any fields that have the "sort icon" can be sorted on. To sort on any other fields or multiple fields, go to the records menu, choose Sort.

Click on the field/s that are to be sorted.
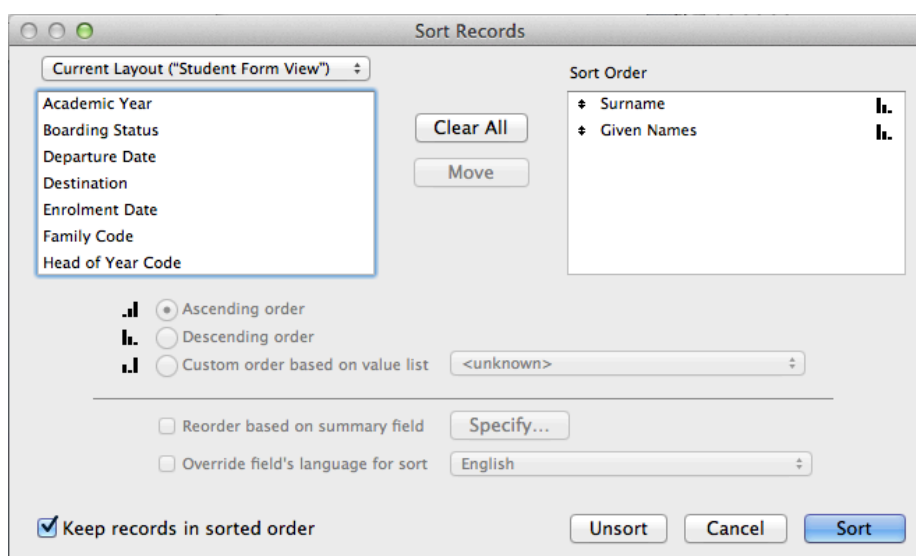
Export Records
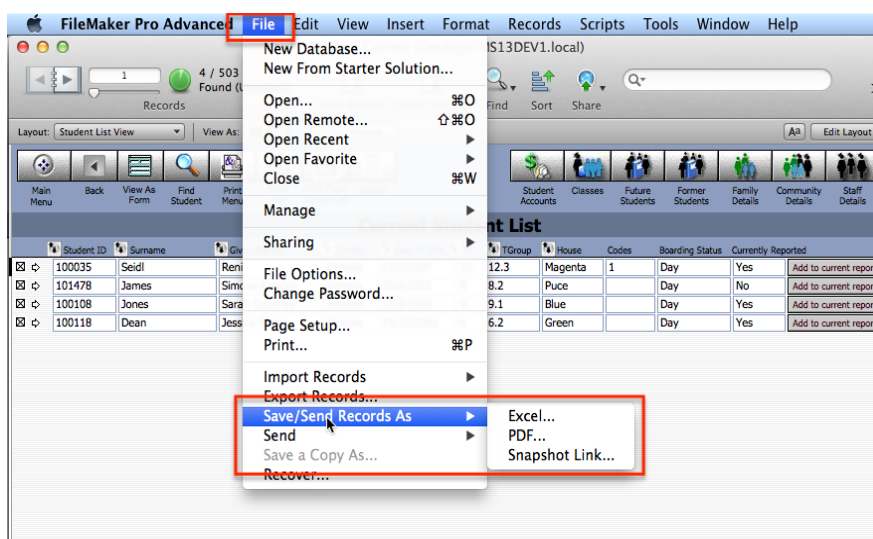
There are quite a few ways to export or save records out of Denbigh. One option is to find the data required and choose the Save/Send Records As - either Excel, PDF or a Snapshot Link. Choose excel to export the current data and field names to excel. Save as PDF will create a pdf of the layout. Snapshot link creates a shortcut to this file so if you have a found set of records, this will create a link file that can be opened at a later time with the same found set.
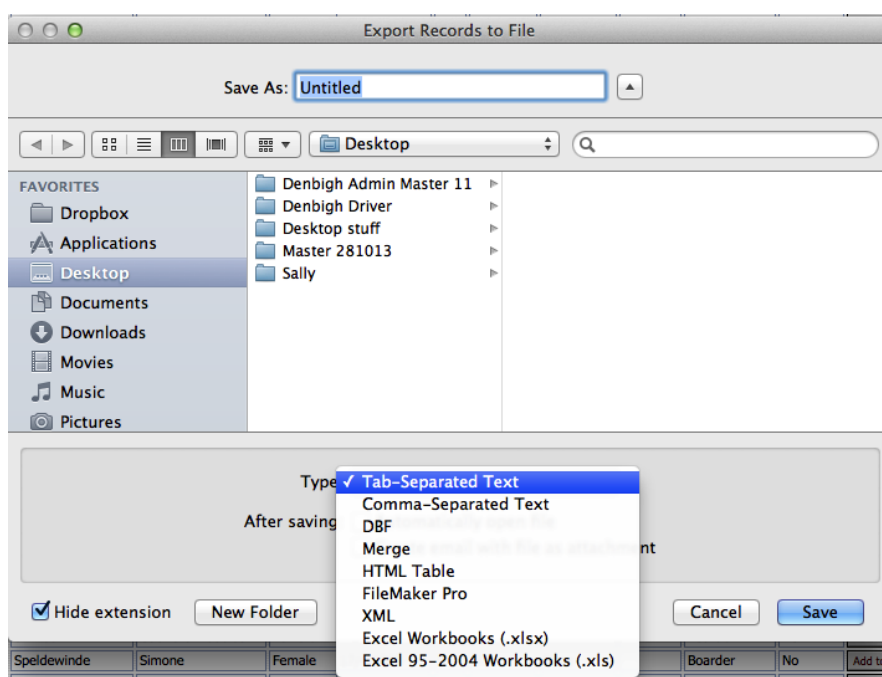
The other option is to choose to export many more fields that may not necessarily be on the current layout. Choose File Menu - Export records. Give the file a name and then choose the file type
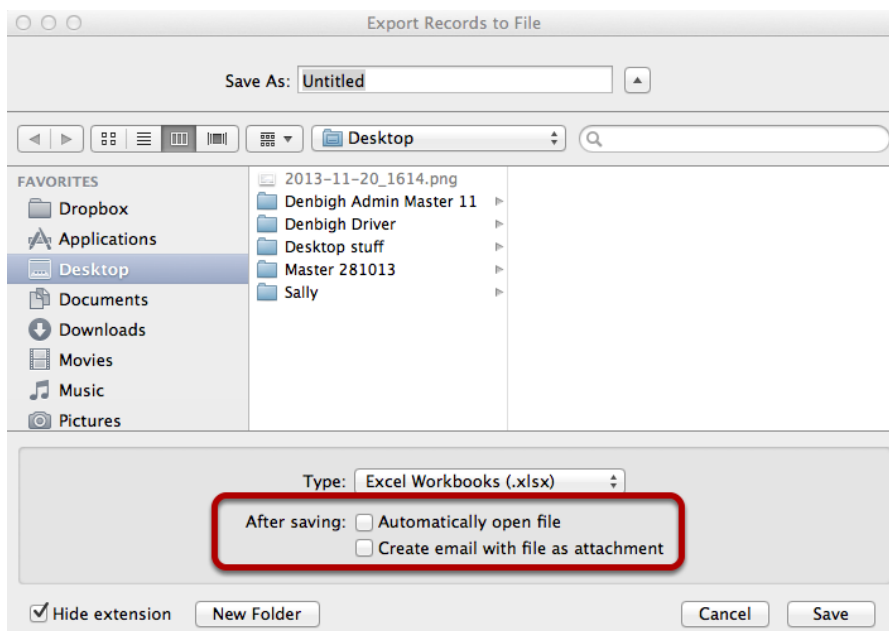
When choosing to export records, check the Automatically open the file or choose to add it to an email as an attachment.
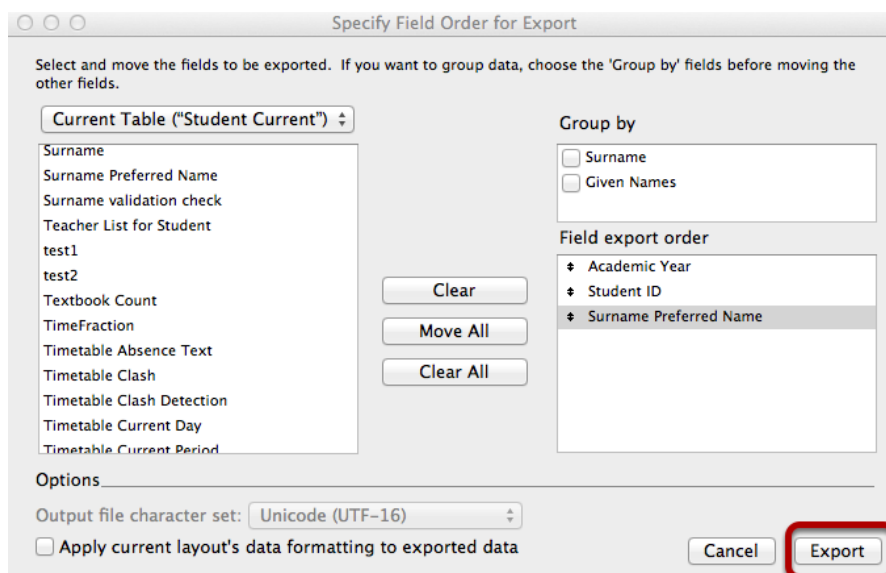
This dialog box allows the user not only to choose the fields but also the files to export data required. Once all fields are chosen, click the Export button.

Windows
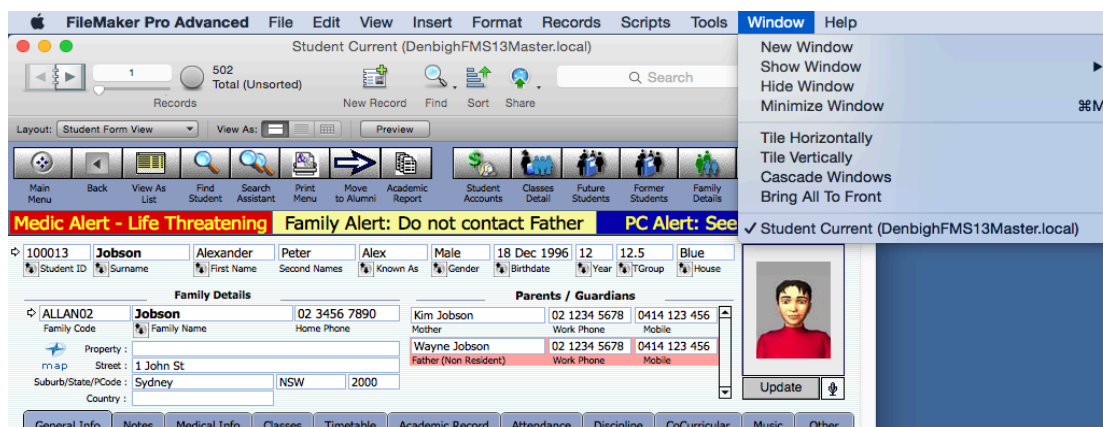
To move between multiply files or open a new window, go to the Window Menu.

New Window will create a new window for the current file, to work in multiply windows at the same time.

Show Window will display all files open, select a window to move to that file.

Jump button

The jump button is used to jump to the related record.

When used beside the student id field, will take you to that student in the community file. When used on the family id will take you to that family in the family file. When clicked on the classes list, will take you to that class in the classes file

Paste without formatting

To paste any text without including any formatting, eg Bold, Italics etc. Press Command Option V on a Mac, or Control Shift V on a Windows comput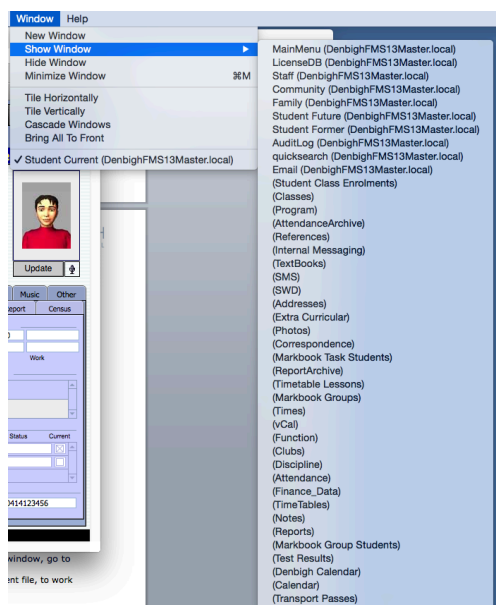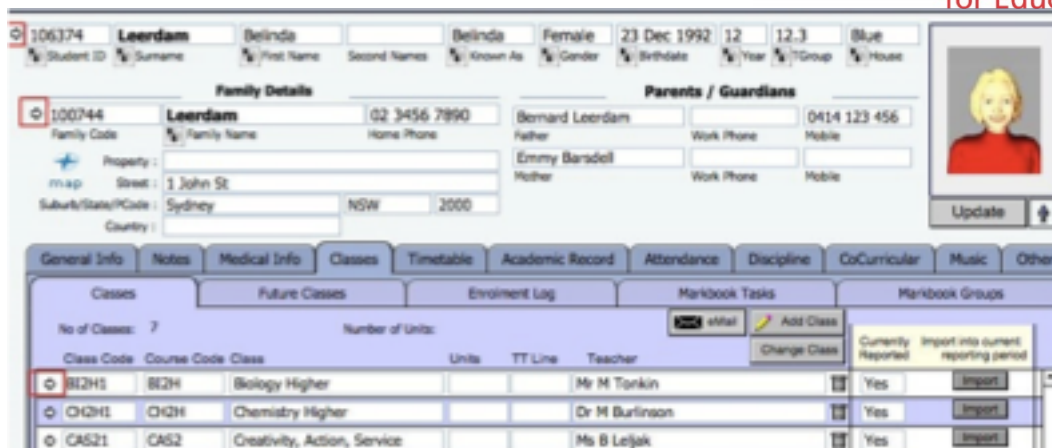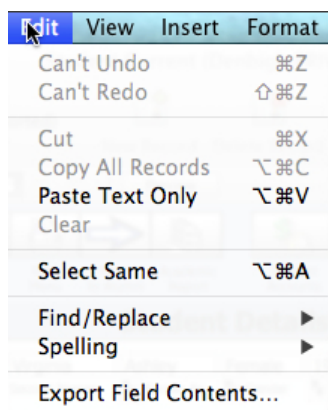er. Also from the Edit menu, hold down the Option (alt) key and you will get the Paste Text Only option. This will paste any copied text without any formatting attached. This function should always be used when copying any text from another program, eg MS Word.

Student Movements – Enrolling, Re-enrolling, Alumni

There should only ever be one student record either in Future, Current or Former. If a student leaves the school they should remain in Former students until they return to the School, then they can be moved back into Current Students.

For all student movements, go to the Administrative Tasks on the Main Menu. IMPORTANT always find the students that are moving first, then click to choose your requirements.
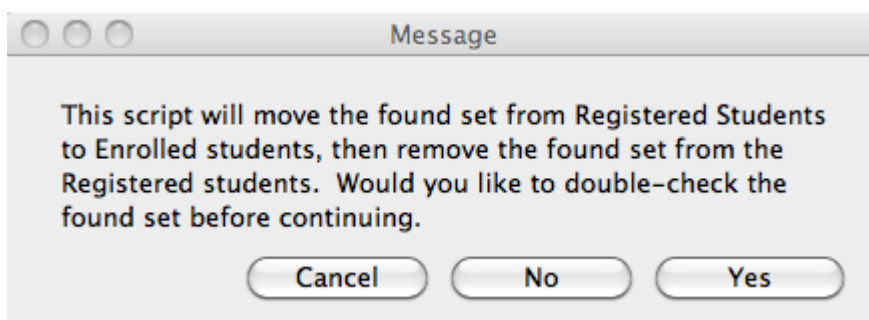
Click Cancel to check if and find the correct student, Click yes to move students to Enrolled.

Enrolling Future Students

Firstly Find the Student or Students to be enrolled. To move students from Future to Current either click the "Enroll Student" button in the future students file or in the Administrative Tasks on the main menu.

Click to choose the Current student or the found set of students.

Former Students Returning

When a student has left the school use the Re-enrolment options.