



# AGTECH Connections

The fortnightly newsletter of the Australian  
Technology & Agricultural College  
*Connecting the College with the Community*

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**Independent Senior Secondary College for Years 10 to 12**

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## College Founder/CEO

*Dr Narendra Nand*



### Priority for Job

### Placements/Apprenticeships

Congratulations to all students who have completed their Certificate 1 and/or 2 at various trade training organisations. Congratulations also to those students who have been committed to completing their academic work and improving their personal and job readiness skills. It is very important that every student follow the College policies and procedures strictly and obtain very high achievement in employability skills.

As more and more students are being placed for job experience this term, we are committed to provide alternative short-term work experience for others to increase the chances of employment as they continue to do their trade and QCE pathways. Complementary training and experience provides skills development for any future jobs. Child Care, Health & Beauty and Trades are the main focus at present, but we are optimistic that more diverse skills in Retail and Hospitality will be taken up soon.

Arrangements have been made for RTO's to speak with the students for open mindedness and flexibility in order to take up any opportunity that may become available. We are working closely with other trainers so that we can skill our students in Retail, Hospitality and Security for casual jobs after college hours. All skills are transferable and will build confidence and self-esteem for new opportunities.

ATAC staff members are seriously committed to support parents and students who work closely with our team in succeeding to meet the expectations of potential employers.

There has been some progress in trying to move to our North Maclean campus early next year. We are working closely with Department of Transport and Main Roads and Logan City Council to ensure safety of all at the new site.

Tamsyn Rose from ALIVE conducted her first session in Jiu Jitsu with our students on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 and it was very interesting for the staff and students. Thanks to Tamsyn and Dr Kelly Dawson of Springwood Wellness Centre who provide their professional services to students and parents. Please note that some of these services maybe be at no cost to any at-risk students. Please contact ATAC staff for any assistance.

Enrollments for 2018 are open. Please view our new website for further information and contact ATAC to enroll now. There are limited spaces.



Above: Tamsyn Rose from Alive providing their first Jiu Jitsu session



Above: Our students training in Jiu Jitsu

## Deputy Principal

*Aaron Jaques,*

### Students work experience at Bunnings

Job experience for ATAC students continue at Bunnings, Brown Plains. Six of our students are there for work experience on Thursdays or Fridays, three in timber, two in electrical and one in plumbing section. The students have been learning customer service, trade service industry and been given the opportunity to network with trades people.

Many thanks to Bunnings for the materials supplied for the maintenance work at North Maclean campus to be used by ATAC students. Marty, Tyrone, Ethan and I have attended Tradie BBQ's on three Fridays at Bunnings and it gave us the opportunity to network with local tradies. We will continue to attend these BBQ's and look forward to have different students and interested parents in the future. Great thank you to KB, Sally and Korina from Bunnings for the time they have spent organising and supporting ATAC.

## Administration Officer

*Wanshika Rai*

To avoid too much financial pressure at the end of the year, all parents/guardians are requested to finalise outstanding College fees by 3rd November, 2018.

Statements of accounts were sent to all parents last week and if you have not received it, please contact me urgently either by phone or [admin@atac.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@atac.qld.edu.au).

Please save the date on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm for ATAC Awards Night. We look forward to meeting all the parents!

We will be also organising a Graduation dinner for Year 12s. Invitations will be sent out during the week for our Year 12 students and their parents. This will be held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm.

### Information for all Parents and Carers Regarding Making a Complaint

Department Of Education and Training requires that all complaints should be managed with in a fair and equitable manner. The complaints procedure is to proceed in four steps: 1. Discuss all your complaints with the teacher. 2. Discuss with the Principal of the college. 3. Contact your local Education Office. 4. Independent review with the Queensland Ombudsman. A detailed process and assistance can be obtained from ATAC office.

### Notices/Upcoming Events

#### ATAC Student Awards Night

**On: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 from 6pm**

**At: Parkinson Campus**

#### Year 12 Graduation Dinner

**On: 16th November 2017 from 6pm**

**Further details will be provided on the invitation**

**Limited spaces!!**

**Enrolling Now for  
2018!**

**Please share with Family &  
Friends!**

**Contact us today!**

**07 5547 8598 or**

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# 6<sup>th</sup> QLD Bushfoods Conference

## “Research & DEVELOPMENT IN Plant & animal bushfoods”

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**18th November, 2017**

**Venue:** Lecture Theatre - L08  
Griffith University, Logan Campus  
68 University Drive  
Meadowbrook Qld 4131

**Registration** 8.30-9.00am

**Fee:** \$50.00 includes morning tea, lunch & Bushfoodie dinner. QBA membership \$10.00

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**Please R.S.V.P. by  
13th November 2017**

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# PROGRAMME

### 8.30am -Registration

**Session 1: Dr Narendra Nand (GU/ATAC)**

- 9.00 Welcome - Prof. Linda O’Brien-Pro Vice Chancellor & Head of Logan Campus. GU
- 9.15 Keynote address – Prof. Melissa Fitzgerald - (UQ)
- 10.00 Prof Slade Lee - A Model for Ethical Commercialization of Traditional Bushfoods

### 10.30am - Morning Tea Break

**Session 2: Ms Erin Zammit (ATAC)**

- 11.00 Tania Farzana (SCU) - Rubi Saltbush - A Bushfood and its Secret Love with Salt
- 11.30 Jude Mayall (Outback Chef. VIC) - Value-added Products
- 12.15 Ralph Bailey (Guymer Bailey Architects) - Favourite Bushfood Plants for Urban Gardens

### 12.45 - 1.30pm - Lunch Break

**Session 3: Ganeshan Rao (GU)**

- 1.30 Steve Maginnity (Aust.Native Bee Co.) - Native Bees in Urban Settings
- 2.00 Prof. Satya Nandlal (QUT) - Aquaculture of Aust. Native Species
- 2.30 Sheryl Backhouse (QBA) - Challenges, Achievements and Acknowledgement of QBA Members
- 3.00 Paula Nihot (Yugambeh Language & Heritage) - Aboriginal Perspectives of Bushfoods and Medicines

### 3.30 - 3.50pm - Afternoon Tea

**Session 4: Dr Narendra Nand (GU/ATAC)**

- 3.50 Dr Shivani Gandhi (Springwood Wellness Centre) - Natural Healing with Plant Products
- 4.30 Panel Discussion, Presentation of Products & Displays

### 5.30 - 6.30pm - Bushfoodie Dinner