



# AGTECH Connections

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

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## College Founder/CEO

*Dr Narendra Nand*

### Principal's Message

Mid of term three has come so quickly. Student assessments, census data, parent discussions and Non-State Schools

Accreditation Board (NSSAB) audit has kept us all very busy in the last few months. Some students have departed and joined work-force while some have come in to join ATAC. Our individualised programmes and support has been attractive to parents and students and we warmly welcome them to our ATAC community.



- **Work Experience:** Job-readiness skills and positive attitude are some the requirements for placements into workplaces. Emphasis is always on the positive attitude, commitment and hard work. Students working seriously and effectively in class have been advancing in their academic work and progressing towards their QCE. Little sacrifices such as removal of mobile phones, concentrating on academic lessons, obeying teacher instructions, and completing tasks during the class times has helped several students to progress better. Every student has great potential and how each one manages the time is the key factor in ones' progress. Congratulations to students who have signed up apprenticeships in the last few weeks. Remember there are Government incentives and support provided to the potential employers who sign up trainees or school-based apprentices. ATAC supports by liaising and completing the necessary documentation.

- **Academic Matters:** Parents are requested to contact ATAC office for appointments with teachers to discuss academic performance and programs for their children. Parent involvement encourages both students and teachers to develop mutually helpful relationships to facilitate learning and building job-ready skills. The Parent/Teacher interviews will be held early next Term.
- ATAC participated in the Ignite Youth Expo last month. Information brochures and enrolment packs provided by our staff attracted interest from various groups and parents. We have had significant number of enquiries for enrolments next year. There are a limited number of vacancies for next year.
- **Open Day: ATAC's first Open day** has been organised for 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018, at North Maclean. The community, parents/guardians and the future students are all invited to attend. Information regarding the Open day are included in our newsletter, website and facebook and advertised in Jimboomba Times, Beaudesert Times and via various business outlets.
- **Infrastructure development:**  
  
KAM Construction's shed kit has been delivered to the site and we look forward to the construction by end of next week. Our small school projects are underway for outdoor learning activities and are expected to be completed within the next few weeks.
- Engineers are working with the Logan City Council and Department of Transport and Main Roads to build the service road beside the Mount

Lindesay Highway, scheduled to commence by end of this month. The upgrade will make the entry to the College easier and safer for students, parents and members of the community.

• **Non-Schools Accreditation Board Audit**

An audit by NSSAB conducted last week was conducted at our North Maclean site and we were very pleased with the highly positive comments by the Auditor. I thank admin staff and Wanshika for meticulously preparing and ensuring that ATAC meets the requirements of the Education Department. Thanks to all the staff and Board members for the assistance provided.



Tammy Sinclair with Dr Nand and Radhika expressing her appreciation of ATAC support to her daughter Sam who will be graduating this year.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 17<sup>th</sup> August – Student Free Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> September- Term 3 Last Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parent/Teacher Interviews



Simon Tang of Shittaki Mushroom in Parkridge and Garnet Radford formerly of LCC with Dr Nand discussing future plans for ATAC.



Dr Regina with her son visited ATAC to establish any potential collaboration on Medicinal/ pharmaceutical products that could be innovated in the future.

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## Business Development Manager

*Radhika Behal*

We have started our preparation for next year and for our students who have not yet chosen an industry area, it is important that you arrange a meeting with me to ensure you are enrolled in correct course. If you have not decided, we are here to provide assistance in an area that may interest you.

## Business & Services Manager

*Wanshika Rai*

Thank you to all the parents/guardians supporting us to make a difference in their son/daughters' lives. Most of this term we have been monitoring student success at their work placement and reviews from employers will be provided later this term.

If anyone has any queries regarding fees, please do not hesitate to contact me.

# OPEN DAY

**15<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
**10.00 am to 1.00 pm**

- Come and meet the Principal, Teachers and Staff
- Collect a College enrolment pack
- Please register your interest at [admin@atac.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@atac.qld.edu.au)

For further queries please contact the College.  
07 5547 8598

**ATAC Well-Wishers supporting our students. They can be contacted on their websites.**



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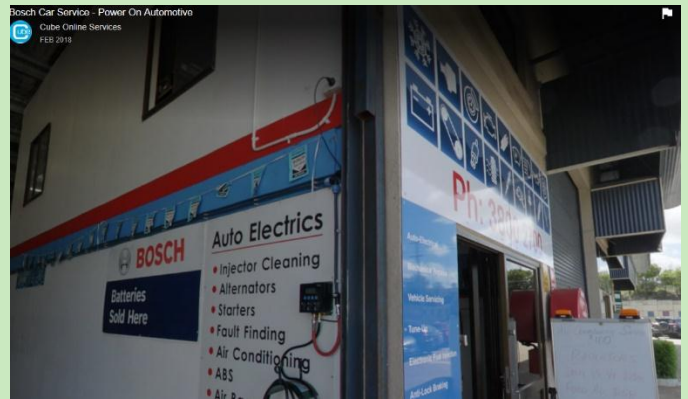
Round House Mechanical workshop at North Maclean North Maclean Produce Shop



BP Service Station North Maclean & Regents Park



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