



# AGTECH Connections

The newsletter of the Australian Technology  
& Agricultural College (RTO #45556)

*'Connecting the College with the Community'*

W: [www.atac.qld.edu.au](http://www.atac.qld.edu.au) | E: [admin@atac.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@atac.qld.edu.au) | P: +617 5547 8598

**Edition 56: April 2020**

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

*4808 Mt Lindesay Highway, North Maclean Q 4280.*

## College Founder/CEO

*Dr Narendra Nand*



### Principal's Message Greetings to the ATAC community.

Term commenced in the midst of changes and challenges for students and staff, especially in light of advice [from State](#) and Federal governments. We have closely followed the advice of ISQ and the Government Departments and will continue to follow their advice. We supplied academic work tasks and resources for students to work from home and for those who attended the College. Those who attended the College for one or two days per week, are on track to completing most tasks with the assistance provided by ATAC staff. I am very happy with the support provided by the parents who have collected learning resources, sought assistance from us and supported their children to progress during this uncertain period. We thank students and parents who have been responding to our emails and phone calls. Career pathways to complete QCE, Certificate II in Business and FSK and a trade certificate as planned has not changed and we are glad that we are progressing very well to ensure that our students follow the pathways for new opportunities and achieve their goals via TAFE or University. ATAC continues to provide flexible and adaptable learning experiences and training. We are very thankful to parents who have been discussing progress, commitment and personal development of their child. Students are engaging in some outdoor activities such as potting plants and gardening to support students' agricultural projects both at the college and at home.

North Maclean Community Garden (NMCG) members have been attending to their eggplants and expecting a healthy crop. We would encourage other communities to join and utilise more of the land to establish hobby gardens and projects to support their communities.

## Gary Suthers

*English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher*

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child at ATAC. The start of the term has posed some learning challenges for both teachers and students alike. Pre-term research for resources meant that I had to find easy to use content for students to access both online and via email. Thank you to all students and their parents for managing to engage in the process of learning. English for the year 10 is about poetry and how to analyse, appreciate and write poetry. For year 11 we are looking at work language in leadership or teamwork situations and in year 12 Caleb is learning how to analyse documentaries. Continuing from last term in History, in year 10 we are now looking at immigration and The White Australia Policy. Using the Science by doing website students are investigating evolution and how this has created the natural world around us. Using the new business studies link at ATAC, Josh and Caleb are continuing to work toward their certificates in Business and Work Skills. As they complete their learning units, more units will be released to them by the business subject coordinator Radhika Behal. However, longer the college continues to work this way due to restrictions, better shall we become adapted to independent continuous learning and showing me that students are

learning and keeping motivated to learn. Thank you to all parents and care givers who are working hard at home and are still managing to support their student in their learning journey.

**Radhika Behal**

*Business Development Manager*



**ALL ABOUT ATAC**

ATAC is a new not-for-profit senior college which provides individual support in small air-conditioned classrooms allowing students to work at their own pace. Regular parental discussion & feedback provides ongoing support to develop academic success, opportunity for work experience and potential apprenticeship in Year 12. Students learn to become more independent, responsible and respectful as they would be expected to display such behavior at a workplace. Mental health support and behavior management training is provided to ATAC staff and students through a grant from the Federal Government via Hon Bert Van Manen, Local member for Forde.

***ATAC AGM – Late next month. Date will be confirmed upon relaxation of restriction***

**Students' Experience**



“As lockdown starts to ease off and schools are returning to normal, this doesn’t stop us from coming to school early and getting some one on one help from our teacher with the work that is provided to us through online work. Even though working from home may be difficult, the resources that are sent still allows for us to learn something new every day, almost as if we were in the classroom from home. Combining working from home and visiting school every second day means that we can catch up on the work and get ahead, allowing a stress-free start back to school and having no effect on our school progress. As students of ATAC, coming out of lockdown and coming back to school means that we can socialize with friends again and not be isolated by ourselves. Coming back to school also means that we can go back to our school agricultural projects and attending our gardens and crops”.

*By Jayden Waller and Riley Jones.*

**Welcome to the Australian Technology &  
Agricultural College E- LEARNING store.  
(FROM ATAC WEBSITE)**

**All courses and resources are provided by ACS  
Distance Education (<https://www.acs.edu.au>) click  
on [howtheywork.aspx](#) to study short courses  
online.**

**The short courses include:**

**Business  
Hospitality  
Horticulture  
Medicinal Herbs  
Plant Taxonomy  
Farming & Gardening  
Project management  
Indoor & Outdoor Plantings  
Backyard Nursery  
Animal Courses  
Beekeeping  
Aquaponics**

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



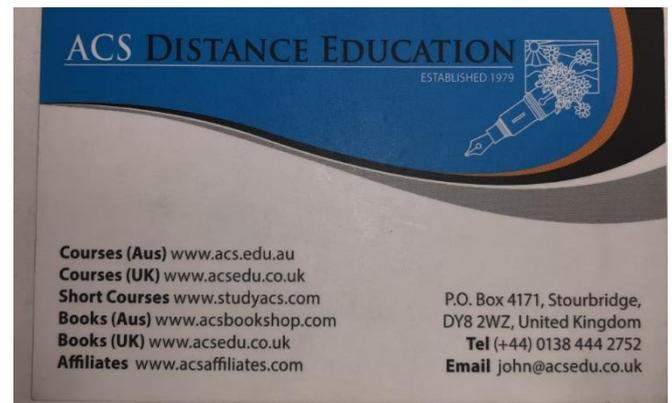
**Paul**  
Manager - Park Ridge News  
www.parkridgenews.com.au  
0410583291

www.parkridgenews.com.au



**CTQ**  
COMPRESSOR TECHNOLOGY  
QUEENSLAND

P: + 61 7 3133 3527  
M: + 61 4 2846 6698  
www.ctqgroup.com.au



ACS DISTANCE EDUCATION  
ESTABLISHED 1979

Courses (Aus) www.acs.edu.au  
Courses (UK) www.acsedu.co.uk  
Short Courses www.studyacs.com  
Books (Aus) www.acsbookshop.com  
Books (UK) www.acsedu.co.uk  
Affiliates www.acsaffiliates.com

P.O. Box 4171, Stourbridge,  
DY8 2WZ, United Kingdom  
Tel (+44) 0138 444 2752  
Email john@acsedu.co.uk

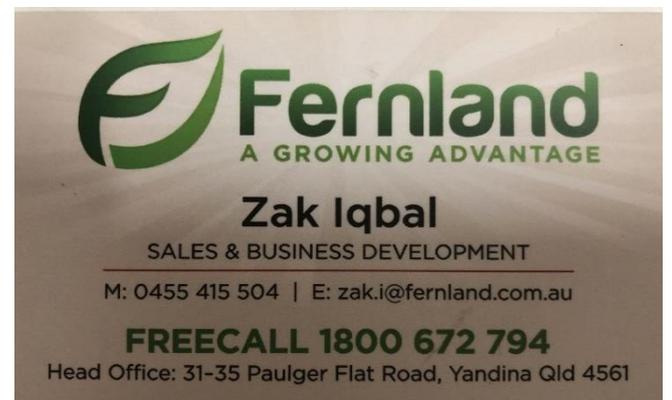


MIA  
Mastery Institute Australia  
澳洲精英學院

黃子綾 執行董事  
0409 551 588

QIHE PTY LTD  
RTO NO : 40813 CRICOS NO : 03542A  
ABN : 75 150 307 725  
Campus : Level 6, 119 Charlotte Street, Brisbane QLD 4000  
Postal Address : PO Box 15104 City East QLD 4002

理療按摩 / 美容治療  
個人護理 / 幼兒教育  
商業廚師 / 酒店管理  
行政商務 / 普通英文  
零售業服務 / 急救、CPE



Fernland  
A GROWING ADVANTAGE

Zak Iqbal  
SALES & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

M: 0455 415 504 | E: zak.i@fernland.com.au

**FREECALL 1800 672 794**  
Head Office: 31-35 Paulger Flat Road, Yandina Qld 4561

## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR**



*Dr. Ian Cock (PhD)*

*ATAC Board Chairman*

*Board Director 2014-2020*

*Editor-in-Chief of Pharmacognosy  
Communications Bulletin, Senior  
Lecturer; School of natural Sciences,  
Griffith Uni. & Member of Editorial  
Board of 9 International Journals.*

*He supervises Post Grad Students for  
research in Medicinal Plants for their  
anti-microbial, anticancer activities  
& nutritional values. Dr Cock travel  
internationally and has knowledge of  
internationally recognized plants used  
for food, nutraceuticals,  
pharmaceuticals and natural  
medicine.*

*Email: [i.cock@griffith.edu.au](mailto:i.cock@griffith.edu.au)*