



# AGTECH Connections

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

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## College Founder/CEO

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### Most students into work experience



What a great achievement this week. Thanks to Debra Bull who has joined ATAC as our Community Relations Officer (CRO), a position to engage our local communities and establish partnerships with businesses and other schools/colleges. A very warm welcome to Debra Bull.

Australian Technology & Agricultural College, a not-for-profit independent senior college in North Maclean has been working hard to provide alternative pathways to careers by embracing alternative projects, sports activities and a stable academic pathway. Despite the initial challenges in moving to the original approved site, ATAC has successfully progressed towards its aims to establish trade and agricultural activities. Our emphasis on the development of transferable and life skills is strengthened by enabling every student to take up work experience in any field, so that they can achieve more balanced knowledge and skills to meet the demands of their future challenging work environments.

I am also very thankful to the Principal, Mr Johannes Solymosi, staff and the Board of Parklands Christian College for allowing ATAC staff and students to use their sporting facilities every Monday afternoon, free of charge. ATAC Board, staff and students are very grateful

for this gesture. Our students had a great time on the first day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

I also had a visit by The Chair of the Rawandan Diaspora of Australia (RDA), Mr Emmanuel Karekezi who was very impressed with our mission, vision and expertise which he has been seeking, in order to assist people in his community. We look forward to working with him and provide agricultural and technical education and training. A special thanks to Garnet Radford of Logan City Council.

## Debra Bull

*Community Relations Officer*

I would like to introduce myself to the ATAC community. My name is Debra Bull and I am the new Community Relations Officer at the college. I have many duties within my role, however, primarily I am happy to be at ATAC to establish relationships with students, their parents and the community at large for mutual benefit to all of us and for a brighter future for our students. Please feel free to call me and I look forward meeting with you.

## Business & Services Manager

*Wanshika Rai*

We would like to introduce the Brake Awareness Program into our College. Parents/Guardians have been sent a student registration form via email and we request that these forms please be handed back to the teacher or administration by early next week. You may also email it to [admin@atac.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@atac.qld.edu.au).

This is a program offered to students to create awareness about driving. The program will run for

approximately 8-10 weeks and after its successful completion, students will be eligible for 1 QCE point.

Thank you to all parents/guardians for paying Tuition fees on time. Please inform the College if you are not receiving invoices or statements. All tuition fees are collected in advance. We are now able to take over the phone payments.

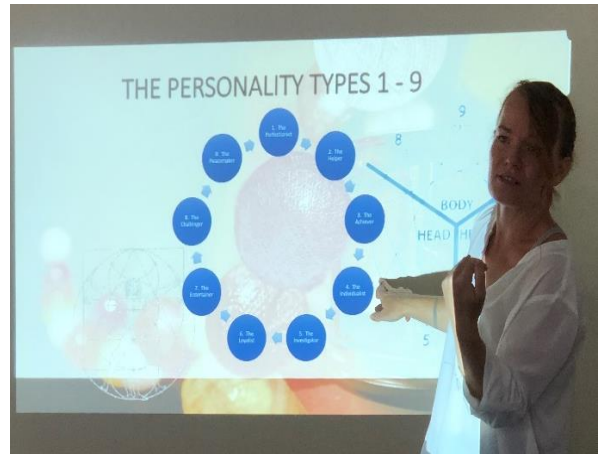
I would like to inform you that the 'Fees and Payments Policy' are being reviewed and any changes will be communicated through email to parents/guardians.

### Quote of the Week



***There is nothing impossible if you are determined to reach the heights, but you will always need a helping hand. You can succeed with the greatest load on your shoulders. There is always a way, if you have the determination.***

### Events at ATAC



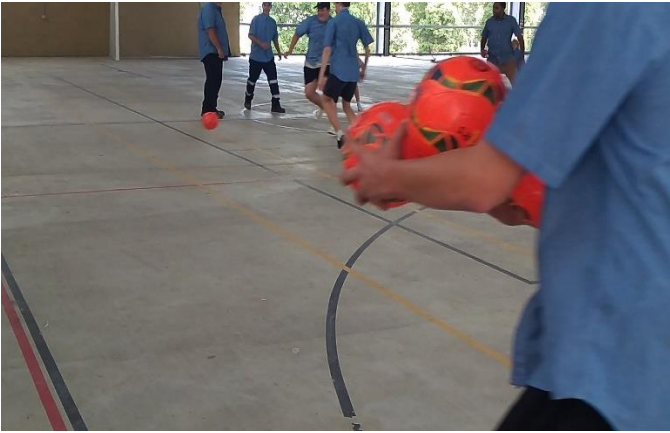
Tamsyn Rose from ALIVE providing professional development workshop for ATAC teachers on Thursday, 19 April, 2018.



Emmanuel Karekezi (Chairman-Rowandan Diaspora of Australia) visited ATAC on Friday, 24 April, 2018.



Students trying to restore an old aquarium. Thanks to all those who have been giving a hand to Mr Robin Butler. Welcome to ATAC, Caleb.



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ATAC students playing Futsal at Parkland Christian College Sports Centre