



AGTECH Connections

The fortnightly newsletter of the Australian
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Community'

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Welcome to North Maclean Campus- Now Open



Its full steam ahead now that we are racing into the end of term 1. The past five weeks have flown by with great improvements since week 1. Despite some challenges with power failures, stormy weather and infrastructure upgrades we have endured to make this site fully operational with health and safety needs and some improvements for outdoor activities. Students are using some new sports equipment to keep themselves busy during lunch breaks. Individual attention, small class sizes and support in a flexible environment is enabling students to achieve excellent outcomes. Great feedback from many parents for the success in work experiences and traineeships or apprenticeships for our students.

Priority has been to place students in workplaces since the college opened and we have worked closely with several local business partners to support our students into work experience and potential jobs. Thanks for the great interest shown by most students to take up any jobs to develop their personal skills. Few students who have missed out will need additional initiatives and take up any jobs which is offered.

A very warm welcome to Mr Robin Butler who is teaching English and would take up Maths and Robotics for our students very soon. Robotics is very exciting, and we look

forward to incorporate technologies into the gardens, nursery and the general agricultural space.

Code of expectations of student behavior

An email to all parents were sent this week regarding ATAC's behaviour policies. I would like to reiterate that we are strictly following these policies to enhance learning and development of personal skills necessary in workplaces. Some very basic policies are applicable in every workplace and every student will need to follow them at all times.

Congratulations to every student who have been offered work experience this week and to those getting into jobs soon. Thanks to Victor (North Maclean Produce), Matt Turnham (BP North Maclean & Regents Park), Ron Holibronn (Mendham Engineering) and all the parents supporting our business partners and the trade pathways. Congratulations Cody Ciacci, Kodi Thorncraft, Jack Hollonds, Xander Young and Andrew Smith.

Partners in Business

Partnerships will continue with Skills Tech-TAFE, Oceania College of Technology (Automotive), QAT (Queensland Academy of Technology - Child care), AQI (Australian Qualifications Institute- Business & IT) and other new local businesses. All Vet courses provide credit points towards their Year 12 Certificate. This alternative pathway is a great way to provide opportunities to students for year 12 completion.

Volunteers

ATAC seeks volunteers to assist our students in learning assistance and trades such as electrical, landscaping, building construction, agricultural and business sectors. Your voluntary time towards activities at ATAC would greatly be helpful for our young students. We can make arrangements for the Blue Card if you do not have one. Big thanks for all those who have been supporting our new trade & agricultural college in Logan.

Enrollments

Our flexible arrangements allow new enrollments at any time for years 10 & 11 and our teachers will be able to assess the skills and provide an individualised program. Young people in the workforce who wish to complete QCE while still at work can contact us for any flexible learning program. Please view our website for further information.

Administration Officer

Donna Corben

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, teachers and admin staff for welcoming me here at ATAC. This is fantastic to see the potential for the future of ATAC students here. With the endless possibilities for their futures, flexible learning opportunities that would encourage building employability skills through work placements.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me on dcorben@atac.qld.edu.au.

Business & Services Manager

Wanshika Rai

Thank you for all those parents who are keeping up to date with their College fees. May I request all parents/guardians to inform me if you have not received or have any issues with opening invoices or have any further questions regarding ATAC tuition fees, please contact me directly via email finance@atac.qld.edu.au.

We are able to take payments via EFTPOS, EFT Transfer and cash.



Gary Nahrung showing his horticultural skills to Dr. Nand



Seedlings grown by Gary and the students are getting ready to plant



BP service station North Maclean where some of our students are engaged in work experience. Big thank you to Matt & Peter for supporting ATAC Students.



Left: Fully air-conditioned classroom
Right: Our refurbished Administration Building



Radhika with Marnie Parker (Independent Schools Queensland)



Large Dragon Fruit Flower



Ripe Dragon fruits which has white flesh. There are two Other varieties with pink or yellow flesh. These are highly nutritious & have high antioxidants

Services at ATAC

Thanks to RACQ who will be providing “Turning Pro with Eric Bailey” on Monday 5th March. Eric is a motivational speaker at 8.30am to present to our students. He will speak for about 40mins. Parents are welcome to attend and it is a convenient time to stay back after dropping your child. Staff will be present, and it may be a good opportunity to meet them. ALIVE and Springwood Wellness Centre will continue to provide their professional services.

Limited spaces!!

Enrolling Now for 2018!
Enjoy small classes and hands on activities

Please share with Family & Friends!

Contact us today!

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