



AGTECH Connections

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10 to 12

College Founder/CEO

Dr Narendra Nand



Principal's Message

- **Work Experience:**
Congratulations to our team who have been able to arrange work experience for every student who joined ATAC last year. With most emphasis on job-readiness we hope all those at work experience will be able to secure long term potential work and/or School-based traineeship/apprenticeship. Government incentives are available for employers who sign up trainees or apprentices. ATAC will assist with information and paperwork and support employers who are signing up.
- **Term 2 End:** ATAC closes for three weeks from 26th June 2018 Friday 13th July 2018. College starts for term 3 on Monday 16th July 2018. This term has been very successful. We have been extremely busy with student placements and advertisements. Student intake is always open because our flexible learning and individualised support modes is custom tuned to the needs of the student after their literacy and numeracy assessment. Teachers take a very keen interest in students who wish to engage in individualised learning experiences through our smaller classes.

- **Infrastructure development:** We have been constructing a temporary nursery and have ordered a garaport shed from KAM Constructions and hope it will be ready by mid-July 2018. The three-bay shed will provide activity learning space for building & carpentry, automotive and electrical. Our temporary nursery is almost ready, and students will be doing some basic potting and nurturing of different plant species (especially Australian natives) and learning the skills of raising seedlings for our gardens. We are also negotiating for another classroom building for next year. Our highly qualified and passionate Board members including two members replacing our Chairman Emeritus Professor Rod Drew and Varsha Kumar are very keen to see that ATAC provides the dual alternative pathways for the completion of QCE & VETiS to many students.

The upgrade of Mount Lindesay Highway has again been delayed for another couple of months as was discovered at the Community Consultation process at Olley's Orange shops on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th June 2018. The delays have been causing significant setbacks to our site development and hopefully the service road and lights at the intersections will be of great advantage to ATAC for the safety of our students and parents driving to and from the College.

Little sacrifices go a long way,
little success makes further
successes and little respect
rewards with respect for
lifetime!

- **Academic Report:** QCE completion for our students is very important since employers want students with good English and Mathematics skills. Every effort is being made by the teachers to develop these skills and thank you to all parents/guardians supporting us to achieve it.

Community Relations Officer

Debra Bull

Drew Morrison is now placed for work experience, effective after the school Holidays. Thank You Car Care at Brown Plains for supporting Drew for the work experience opportunity.



Employability Skills that Employers want

- **Positive attitude**
- **Communication**
- **Teamwork**
- **Self-management**
- **Willingness to learn**
- **Thinking skills (problem solving and decision making)**
- **Resilience**

Teacher

Ravinesh Naidu

It was so enlightening to be a part of the Maths class where students were so involved and worked independently and in groups to complete their tasks and assessments. Thank you for “making my days”.

Congratulations to all the students who have done well in their final exams.

Happy holidays and be safe!

Teacher

Robin Butler

“As Term 2 comes to a close, it’s been great to see students embracing the challenges of Project Based Learning (PBL) in their English lessons. Particularly for students with vocational aspirations, PBL can foster real-world engagement with the subject in a way traditional learning method often cannot. A perfect example of this in action has been Grade 12 student Billy Licence, who used metal fabrication as the focal point for

his English project this term. He’s proudly pictured here with the prototype Nitrous Oxide cylinder he handcrafted from scratch. Congratulations to Billy and the other students who worked hard this term to leverage their personal interests outside school into the spoken and written work they needed to complete in class.”



Billy Licence with his prototype Nitrous Oxide cylinder

Business & Services Manager

Wanshika Rai

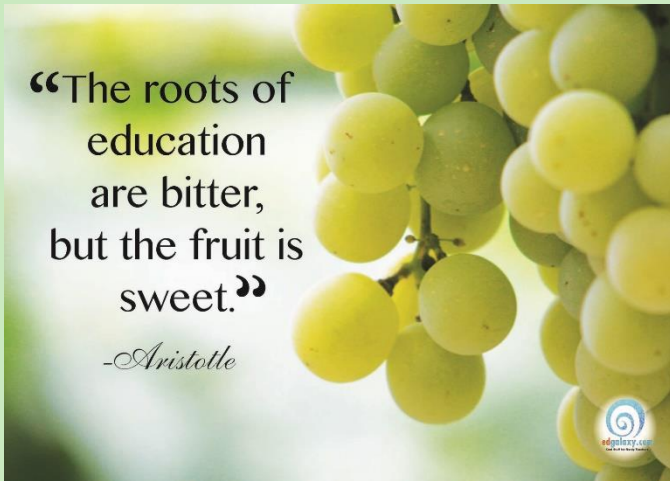
Thank you to all students and parents for a wonderful Term 2!

All parents will be invoiced for Term 3 during the semester break. If there are any issues, please contact me directly.

Wishing you all have a very happy and safe holidays!

Current School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship Opportunities Available

If you are interested in any of the opportunities in the lists below, please contact the Employment and Recruitment Team. In addition, don’t forget to check the following websites for current vacancies on Seek.com.au, Indeed.com.au & Career.com



cram into our children minds. But what they are really doing is learning how to navigate life in a system that distracts them from the big picture of who they truly are.

What if we could send our kids to school to learn how to be the best version of themselves and bring that to the world we live in, each and every day!

That is how I see ATAC.

At ATAC our children go to school each day to learn in a way that suits them, a way that their individual minds can retain information that they need for a career that makes them excited to get up every day.

Each day at ATAC our kids learn in a practical way how to use the information they are taught and when testing comes around they either know it or they don't and that is okay. If they need further lessons and they want to know more they get the help they ask for!

How does it get better than that?

As a high school drop out myself, I can tell you I do NOT remember everything I was taught in school and I do NOT make money on the electives I chose to study in school. School is very important it teaches us more than we realise, BUT mainstream schooling isn't for everyone. Some people do great and really excel in mainstream school, but some people just don't fit in and find themselves struggling each and every day with the emotional damage that is doing to them instead of learning whatever is on the lesson plan for that day.

There are so many pathways we can take in life and not one path is the same for anyone else. ATAC sets our children up to evaluate options, make choices, act on their choices and respond to the consequences of those decisions. No matter what the circumstance is, even when we are adults we do this every moment of every day.

So what ATAC is essentially doing is setting our children up for life, no matter what that might be for each of them.

Yes, ATAC is small but that is exactly what makes it so unique and so perfect for the beautiful minds that attend.

A Parent's View of ATAC

Beverly Cassidy

Parent

As an adult have you ever wished you could go back to school and see if you could do it better second time around knowing what we do today? I know I surely have. I spent my late teens and early 20's literally having dreams of being back at school.

These days I look back and know that being a high school dropout has made me who I am today, and I am truly grateful for all the experiences I have had on my journey. But man, it has been hard!

I dropped out as soon as I turned 15 because by then I had moved out of home and was putting myself through school more than 500kms away from my parents. Every day at school was hard for me. There were so many distractions that stopped me from taking my lessons seriously. Trying to fit into over my every thought from what I would wear to school to what I would write in my books and everything else that flowed through my day. I was consumed with trying to make people like me. So, thinking about the big picture really NEVER crossed my mind.

Do you think that teenagers these days are much different? I have two teenage daughters and I can tell you it is not so much different at all.

So we send our kids to school and we think they are learning maths, English, science, humanities, business, ancient history, cooking, sewing, carpentry, engineering and whatever else the school system thinks they can



ATAC Students and Teachers enjoying sports at Parkland Christian College complex



ATAC Students celebrating their end of semester on a cold winters day!

ATAC Well-Wishers supporting our students



Commercial & Residential Glaziers



North Maclean Produce



Brisbane General Engineering Specialties



Commercial & Residential Electrical Services



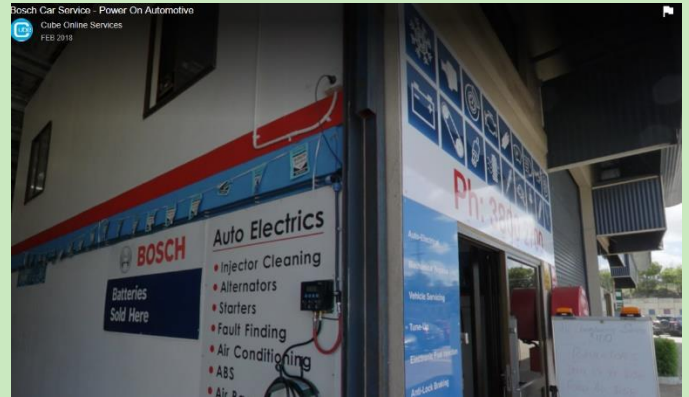
Round House Mechanical workshop at North Maclean North Maclean Produce Shop



BP Service Station North Maclean & Regents Park



Tongue and Groove hair & Beauty Salon



BOSCH Auto Electrics, Browns Plains



Southern District Auto Centre, Browns Plain



Car Care, Browns Plains