

## **AGTECH** Connections

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#### College Founder/CEO Dr Narendra Nand



#### Principal's Message

Safety on the Greenbank Road and Mt Lindesay Highway

intersection by the operation of the light signals has tremendously improved for the whole community. North bound and south bound bus stops on the service road from Olley's Orange shops to ATAC entrance provide very safe walk for all our students and the public. The upgrade is greatly appreciated and thanks to TMR, local communities, local MPs and the government for this development.

It was very pleasing to note the graduation of all our students despite some challenges which were overcome by the support of the grandparents and parents. All of them complete their Cert II in Business and their VETiS trade and Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Thanks to ATAC's individualized support and training that enabled each student to graduate. Congratulations and thanks to all the parents, grandparents and guardians who participated in the graduation event held at the College on Wednesday 13th November 2019. The joy and the pleasure after graduation was clearly evident by the feedback from several parents who had their dreams fulfilled at ATAC by the provision of our very unique program for the students who were lost in the formal systems.

After, the 7<sup>th</sup> Bushfood Conference held at ATAC on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 there has been continuous networking between the participants and speakers. Queensland Bushfoods Association has worked together with myself and Professor Rod Drew since the inception of QBA in 1999 and provided great networking and information sharing between growers, processors, sellers and researchers. Our focus now lies in building on partnerships with Natasha Roebig (Agrifutures Rural Women's Award winner) of Bee All Natural for some bushfood infusions with honey for some high antioxidant and antimicrobial activity products. We also intend to do some workshops at ATAC on the education and training in beekeeping for young people and some older enthusiasts to support our Diversity for sustainability motto.

Our North Maclean Community Garden (NMCG) members and ONESTOP Training (RTO) are in discussions to provide training programs for skilling young people of different ethnic communities to improve employability skills and upskilling to find employment. Mr Gary Suthers, our staff is also providing private tuition to learn basic English and to build Maths and Science skills at all levels to assist all those in need. You can register at the College.

On behalf of ATAC Board, staff, and business supporters, I wish all students a bright future and great life. Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all.

### Gary Suthers

English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child at ATAC. The end of an academic year brings many challenges and triumphs. After working very hard to complete all requirements for the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) all the senior students have graduated from year 12. Congratulations to Olly, Andy, Xander, Javi and Drew for facing the challenge and completing your schooling.

The year 10 and 11 students have finished this past week. Completing English and Maths for Caleb and English, Maths, Agricultural Science and Science for Josh. Caleb has been working out how much rain is needed to fill a water tank from the roof of our buildings here in North Maclean. A very long time if we don't receive rain soon! Josh has been investigating gravity and Newtons laws in science by making Lego cars and propelling them off the desk. Finding out about worms and what they like to eat, and what to put in a mulch bin for our school zero rubbish and recycle project for next year. It has been a privilege to see the progress in all students this semester as they grow in confidence and determination to complete the challenges that we set for them here at ATAC. I hope that you also can see the confidence and maturity in your child at home.

Thank you to you all, parents, step-parents, grandparents, extended family and siblings for providing the support and assistance that students need at home to keep learning and growing to be the mature young adults that we see in them all. Wishing you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

#### Radhika Behal

**Business Development Manager** 

Thank you to all parents who have confirmed the enrolment of their child for 2020 by the payment of the discounted (50%) fee. Please inform all other interested students to enrol asap for the 50% fee discount for 2020.





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GRADUATES: Australian Technology and Agricultural College students Javier Newton, Drew Morrison, Xander Young, Andrew Smith and Oliver Walker with Narendra Nand.

## ATAC graduates are thriving

less low years, five Year 12 stuin dents graduated from the and Australian Technology and t to Agricultural College in North one Maclean this week. are Xander Young, Javier New-

Andrew Smith was prewere among the graduates lenges in their high school to received their Queensland sented with the Essential Maths subject award while Certificate of Education and a Certificate II in the voca- Xander Young, Javier Newtional field of their choice. The subject award winner

for Essential English and Certificate II in Business, Oliton, Drew Morrison, Andrew ver Walker, has also obtained Year 11 award. Smith and Oliver Walker an electrical apprenticeship.

ton and Drew Morrison received Progressive Awards. The Year 10 Award went to Joshua McLachlan while Caleb Sutcliffe picked up the

#### 2019 Graduation Article in The Jimboomba Times 27 November 2019



Oliver Walker receiving his graduation certificate from Craig Butler (L) and Dr. Nand



Javier Newton receiving his certificate from Mr. Gary Suthers and Dr. Nand



Drew Morrison receiving his graduation certificate from Dr. Nand



Drew Morrison with his proud grandmother, Cathey upon his graduation



Xander Young receiving his graduation certificate from Mr. Gary Suthers



Andrew Smith receiving his graduation certificate from Dr. Nand



Joshua Machlan receiving his year 10 award from Mr. Gary Suthers



Celeb Sutcliffe receiving his year 11 award from Mr. Gary Suthers



Oliver Walker receiving his Year 12 essential English subject award, Year 12 Certificate II in Business subject award and student Apprentice of 2019 from Dr. Nand with his proud mother, Mellissa (L)



Andrew Smith receiving his year 12 essential mathematics subject award from Dr. Nand with his proud parents, Nick and Rachela Smith



Mr. Gary Suthers welcoming the guests at 2019 graduation ceremony at ATAC



Mr. Bhuwal Syna one of the ATAC board directors ngratulating the students for their achievements and anking the staff and the parents



Dr. Nand Thanking the Guests, parents, students and staff



Guests attentively listening to the presentations

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









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