



AGTECH Connections

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

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Principal's Message

Our alternative and flexible pathways provide ATAC students with choices and opportunities to work in the field that interests them most. Individual programs and self-paced learning makes it is easier for students to qualify for three certificates; (a) QCE (b) Cert II in Business and (3) Cert II in a trade of their choice.

Our staff Mr Gary Suthers and Mr Ravi Naidu have been working closely with the students to ensure that the required tasks are completed on time. Thanks to the parents who are working with us for the benefit of managing learning and training for their child. As we become more confident in delivering our program, we are planning to undertake some student and community projects on site where our community can get the opportunity to diversify their skills and training. Literacy and numeracy is the very basic requirement for any qualification and I encourage all students and parents/guardians to become increasingly involved in developing these skills in our students.

Our first Business dinner was held at the Stellarosa, Parkridge on 17 April, 2019 and it provided us with some great benefits in networking. We would also like to invite our local farmers, growers and industry people to investigate opportunities for our students in agricultural and primary production sectors. Our interest lies in some specialized education and training for young, and amateur farmers who wish



develop their knowledge and skills through our network of experienced people. Thanks to the experienced and successful producers who have shown interest in ATAC. Development of community gardens, Bee-Keeping, Aquaculture and Horticulure will become part of the new and niche training for young and adults whether they are at school, at work or unemployed. Gaining some knowledge and skills would open new opportunities for all those who are finding it difficult to make hard choices for their careers and their future income.

The ATAC Board AGM was held on 16 May 2019 which has members who have a broad knowledge, expertise and interest in providing opportunities for all communities of all ages in various primary production areas. The Board greatly appreciates the efforts of staff, parents and business partners supporting ATAC. Special thanks to Mr Allan Guse (Principal Advisor-Policy & Research) and Mr Grant Williamson (Assistant Director-School Services) of ISQ for their visit to ATAC on 30 May 2019. Their suggestions, confidence and their foresight in ATAC's unique location and future potential gives us a lot of encouragement.

Gary Suthers

English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child at ATAC. The new English unit for the senior students has been on the use of persuasive language in both spoken language and written language. We have been looking at the use of this language in advertising and other advertising techniques. The year 10 students have also started on Job ready skills, writing a resume and cover

letters. The highlight of the term has been the excursion to The Brisbane Truck show on Thursday the 16th May. Caleb Sutcliffe, Josh McLachlan and myself ventured into the world of large transport and associated services. We attended the Seminar on Careers in Heavy Industry, visited the work hub to meet with work force exhibitors and then toured the many exhibitors. Both students took the opportunity to ask questions and find out about careers, traineeships and apprenticeships in many different jobs. Finally, we toured the large exhibition hall and looked at trucks, hydraulics lifters, trailers and some really huge machinery. Finally, students skills in action at the HVIA National Apprentice Challenge before we returned to school.

Ravinesh Naidu

Business & Math's Teacher

I am pleased with the progress of a few students who are ahead in their Business units and hope they will complete before time to spend more time in their trade training. It is very heartening to work with Mr Gary Suthers to support our students in Essential English and Mathematics for their QCE completion. I have personally spent a lot of time in training for VETiS program and am looking forward to welcome students in trade and certificate courses to be introduced by ATAC. Thanks to Dr Nand for supporting me for the training on Thursdays.

Radhika Behal

Business Development Manager

Congratulations to Xander and Javier for having secured work experience with Queensland Compressor Technology and Andrew Smith with Achal Building Construction. Their dedication, commitment and general job-ready skills will be on test for securing potentially a traineeship or apprenticeship. As the College grows, we look forward to building more partnerships with local businesses who understand the benefit of hiring young people to grow their business. It is not only an opportunity for our students, but a great social capital investment. I am extremely grateful for the community support and we look forward to meeting with other businesses to join us in supporting our younger generations. ATAC would

be able to put free advertising in our newsletter and on our website for any company who joins ATAC'S journey to support young students. Please feel free to contact us for any further information.

**Believe in yourself and all that
you are.
Know that there is something
inside you that is greater than
any **OBSTACLE****



Congratulations Andy. A great opportunity for you to start work experience with Shalvin (R) of Achal Building Construction. We really feel proud of you for the interest and enthusiasm you have shown to accept this offer.



Mr Mul Chand of Queensland Compressor Technology hands signed work experience documents to Xander Young for plumbing with his son Kris Chand. Congratulations Xander. Mul Chand would support you through. Great opportunity to prove yourself.



Mul Chand (L) of Queensland Compressor Technology hands over work experience document to Javier Newton. Congratulations Javier. It is only a matter of time for you to achieve your goals.



Jason & Natasha of Bee All Natural & Organic with Dr Nand who are planning for education and training opportunities in bee keeping for new, young and amateur beekeepers at ATAC facility. ATAC supports all new and innovative producers who can provide opportunity for our students and community to develop and establish businesses



ATAC students Joshua Mclachlan and Caleb Sutcliffe ® enjoyed a day out with Mr Gary Suthers to attend Brisbane Truck Show on 16th May 2019. They listened to a panel discussion between Industry people and asked several questions at various exhibitors. This is a great opportunity in Transport and Logistics.

2019 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Term 1 (10 weeks)	Monday January 29	Friday April 5
Easter Vacation	Monday April 8	Monday April 22
Term 2 (10 weeks)	Tuesday April 23	Friday June 28
Winter Vacation	Monday July 1	Friday July 12
Term 3 (10 weeks)	Monday July 15	Friday September 20
Spring Vacation	Monday September 23	Friday October 4
Term 4 (10 weeks)	Monday October 7	Friday December 13
Competency Completion	Monday December 16	Tuesday December 24

OPEN DAY

**12th June 2019
10.00 am to 2.00 pm**

- *Come and meet the Principal, Teachers and Staff*
- *Collect a College enrolment pack*
- *Please register your interest at admin@atac.qld.edu.au or nnand@atac.qld.edu.au*

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- ❖ Punctuality
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- ❖ Responsibility
- ❖ Commitment

Department of Employment, Small Business and Training

Youth Jobs and Skills Fest 2019

Calling all Year 12 Graduates and Early School Leavers
Whether you're looking for a job, training courses or employment – this event is for you!

It's a great opportunity to talk to training providers, employers and support services about careers, courses and subsidised training initiatives.

There are also opportunities to find out more about:

- Career and training pathway information
- Apprenticeship and Traineeship information
- Employment opportunities
- Training and course information

Redlands	Gold Coast	Logan
Tuesday 30 April 2019 10.00am – 12.00pm TAFE Alexandra Hills Campus Windemere Rd, Alexandra Hills QLD	Thursday 2 May 2019 10.00am – 12.00pm TAFE Southport Campus 91/99 Scarborough St, Southport QLD	Thursday 9 May 2019 10.00am – 12.00pm TAFE Loganlea Campus 50/68 Armstrong Rd, Meadowbrook QLD

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