



AGTECH Connections

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'Connecting the College with the Community'

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Independent Senior Secondary College for Years 10 to 12

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Principal's Message

The Covid-19 sanitization protocols have now become mandatory with potential spread in Southeast Queensland after an unknown exposure at a high school on 29 July 2021 which is potentially widespread in the community. ATAC will continue to follow the advice of the Queensland Health and ISQ directions as contact tracing continues. Our staff, students and parents/guardians will be kept fully informed. Our new way of life has been dictated by Covid-19 safety. Several schools are expected to be seriously affected in the next few days and/or weeks.

The third term began with two new enrolments and prospect for further growth. ATAC provides opportunities for students to attend TAFE to do their career trade, Cert. II FSK, Cert. II Business and their Year 12 certificate (QCE). Work experience and a traineeship/apprenticeship by end of Year 12 is a great achievement for some students to start earning an early income. With improved infrastructure and additional new projects, we plan to engage students into automotive and construction areas alongside the agricultural projects we have developed.

Our multipurpose shed planning is ongoing with gradual progress on resolving flood management issues, currently hampering the certification. We would want to get the planning and approvals done correctly and thoroughly, regardless of additional costs. This is to avoid any disruptions.

We are now planning for the 8th Bushfoods Conference on 27th November 2021 at the College.

We received some very good feedback from parents/guardians who attended the meetings to discuss the progress, engagement, and career pathways for their child. The meetings add to the support from parents and encourage students to progress in their projects and academic work with greater interest and commitment.

Our aquaponics, nursery, chicken, ducks, lizard, and bushfoods park projects are now in advanced stages. We take this opportunity to thank our energetic and enthusiastic students. Alternative pathways and engagement with projects offered here at ATAC meet the interests and needs of students who prefer more hands-on activities. Our programs make them become more independent and responsible for their learning to pursue their careers.

Information and enrolment packages can be obtained from the college for Cert. II Business, Cert. II FSK, Cert. IV & Diploma in Leadership & Management, and Diploma in Business courses for online training to external students of any age. Our RTO (#45556) is approved to provide online training for these courses.

Gary Suthers

English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child at ATAC.

We are back for term three and it's almost halfway through! Reports for Semester one have been prepared for discussions at the parent teacher interviews. As this report is being written we are back in lockdown and I'm sending out work by email. Year Ten students are to read their novel "Two Wolves" by Tristan Banks. They can read online and must write an in-depth review on the novel. Year Eleven students are also reading a novel online "A Long Way Home" by Saroo Brierley which has been turned into the biographical film "Lion". In Modern history we have been learning the difference between Immigration, Migration and Emigration. We will also discuss the Vietnam War and what influences population influx. Following on from language in the workplace, the mathematics next term will be about earning money, earning a commission, and earning a wage. The year Eleven class will be looking at budgeting both time and money for a travel experience. In Health and Physical Education, we will be learning about how to have good relationships with friends and family. Physical and mental needs will be helped by Yoga and Arakan Martial Arts. Some of our students have been working enthusiastically on their Agricultural Science projects, with some new ducky additions to the poultry flock and the renovation of the chicken coop. The greenhouse grow beds are now producing plants, with the spring harvest coming soon. Thank you to all the students who attended the Ignite Youth Careers Expo on Tuesday 27th July. Students saw lots of displays on potential job pathways and educational opportunities. They also enjoyed free coffee and cupcake making, music, virtual games, Lego robots and plastic heads to practice hair and beauty on! Thank you to all parents and guardians, for your continued support of your child's learning here at ATAC

Guardians Feedback



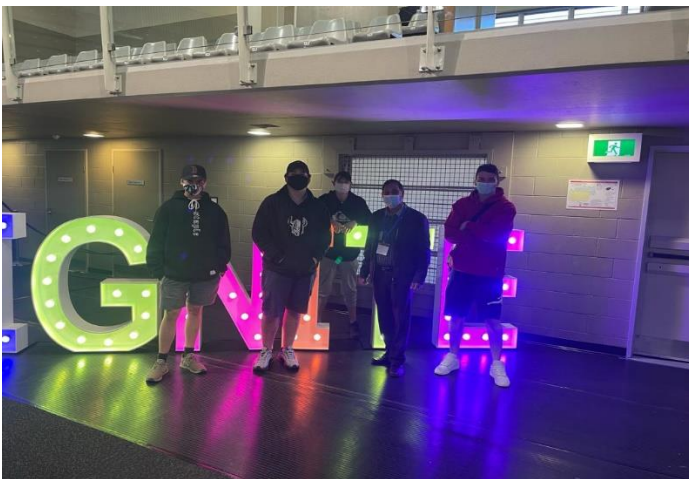
"Kiara King (above) now has a routine, and she loves to come to ATAC. She is more focused not only in her academic work, but she sees a future job opportunity sooner and a potential career," said Tracey. "I am very pleased with the support provided by the principal and staff here and I am optimistic that Kiara will be able to achieve her dreams by attending ATAC. As a guardian, I feel welcome and comfortable here and I am very pleased to see Kiara more focused and feeling happy to come to school every day. She is very keen to find some work experience or a casual job as well. We thank you and staff for the regular discussion and updates and support provided to Kiara."

(Tracey Jefferies - Guardian)



Mr. Craig Butler (ATAC Director) with Dr. Nand to discuss the progress on multipurpose shed and student projects.

IGNITE YOUTH EXPO on 27th July 2021



Ignite Youth Expo 2021 was organised by Logan City Council which attracted many training organisations to provide information to our young people for potential career opportunities. ATAC received a complementary booth by the Council to enable our small college to participate. The booth was managed by our Business Development Manager, Radhika Behal.

Photos (L-R):

Mr. Gary Suthers with some students, Radhika Behal and students at the IGNITE sign and Dr. Nand at the ATAC booth with our information materials on display.

ATAC acknowledges the support provided by LCC staff.

Student Project – Concreting



Concreting Project – Students were involved in the planning and organising the landscaping in front of the old Queenslander to assist in building a dog fence for Gary. Various skills were tested from planning, purchasing of materials, and then doing the concreting to provide a secure fence. Mathematical and physical skills were tested, and the boys loved to be outside doing hard labour while each one had his fair share of contribution as the work progressed. Thank you, Nick (Leader), Lewis, Jayden, Cameron, Coen, Caleb, Jackson, Harry and Dylan for all your efforts. Our students look forward to projects like this and if parents/guardians need some labour, please contact us so that we can liaise with the students and parents/guardians for some afterhours casual labour work for our students who love doing physical work.

2021 School Terms Date

Term1	Wednesday 27 th January- Thursday 1 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Monday 19 April- Friday 25 June	10 Weeks
Term 3	Monday 12 July- Friday 17 September	10 Weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 5 October- Friday 10 December	10 Weeks

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- 1. Cert. IV in Leadership & Management**
- 2. Diploma in Leadership & Management**
- 3. Diploma in Business**

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ENROLMENTS START from 01/06/2021

8th Bushfoods Conference

Saturday 27 November 2021

Organized jointly with:

*Queensland Bushfoods
Association*

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*Invitation to speakers for the
conference.*

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