



Edition 69: June 2021

AGTECH Connections

The newsletter of the Australian Technology
& Agricultural College

'Connecting the College with the Community'

W: www.atac.qld.edu.au | E: admin@atac.qld.edu.au | P: +617 5547 8598

Independent Senior Secondary College for Years 10 to 12

4808 Mt Lindesay Highway, North Maclean Q 4280.

College Founder/CEO

Dr Narendra Nand

Principal's Message



Students and staff were happy to see the end of a successful second term. With pressures for academic assessments and project completions the term ended with students celebrating with other students at their homes and a BBQ at the college. We wish all students a restful holiday.

We are making progress with our shed construction. We have been working hard with the certifier, architect, engineers, and plumbers to fulfill the council requirements. The multipurpose shed will open the doors for a variety of activities to support our student-based projects. The visit by The Minister for Communities and Housing, Digital Economy and the Arts, Hon. Ms. Leeanne Enoch, to our college has prompted us to increase activities on our Bushfoods projects and to host the 8th Bushfoods Conference at the College on 27th November 2021.

Parents and/or guardians have been regularly contacted to support their child throughout the term to ensure the completion of assessments. Parents/guardians who have worked closely with us have seen the great benefit of their input the progress made by some students. I thank grandparents and parents for their support in assisting us in achieving success with students who needed some extra help.

Year 10 students are progressing well with poultry and nursery projects while year 11 students are doing Agricultural science projects on horticulture, aquaponics, and bushfoods. They are also completing their Cert. II FSK and will start Cert. II Business in Term III.

New pumps and materials for irrigation systems have been bought to support the vertical gardens and the nursery activities. Bush foods planting and native beehives have been set up. New chooks and their supplies have been purchased for year 10 projects. Year 10 students are encouraged to start traineeships in hospitality and construction.

ATAC RTO (#45556) is now advertising to provide online training courses in Cert. II Business, Cert. II FSK, Cert. IV & Diploma in Leadership & Management, and Diploma in Business. Information and enrolment packages can be obtained from the college. We prepare our students via alternative pathways so that they can complete Year 12 Certificate (QCE) and Certificate courses (VETiS) and gain employment while at school. Earn and learn concept is very attractive so that students can start their career early.

The ATAC Board has established a Scholarship Committee to raise funds to support some needy students. The Board invites any generous donors to contribute towards the fund. We greatly appreciate the financial and moral support and understanding of all well-wishers to make a difference to the lives of our young people.

Gary Suthers

*English, Humanities, Science and Agricultural Science
Teacher*

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child at ATAC. At the end of term two assessments were finalised and the marking completed for reports. Thank you to all the students who worked hard to complete their assignments and were ready for their written examinations. Next term the focus will be on reading and understanding a narrative, with the Year 10 class reading a novel "Two Wolves" by Tristan Banks. He is an award-winning Kids and Teen author who comes from a film making background. Book Trailers - Tristan Banks.

The Year 11 class will be looking at texts that show an understanding of the world from one character's point of view, like the novel "48 Shades of Brown" by Nick Earls and the biographical film "Lion". Modern history lesson will explore the Vietnam War and the influence that it still has on Australia today. 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 11 students 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 the renovation of the greenhouse completed with plants already sprouting. The aquaponics grow beds are still producing plants, with the winter harvest of herbs, parsley and mint. Thank you to all parents and guardians, for your continued support of your child's learning here at ATAC

Radhika Behal

Business Development & Office Manager

Congratulations and thank you to all students and parents for your great support. Without you and your appreciation of our efforts, it would be difficult for us to provide resources, and facilities.

Just a friendly reminder also to some of you who have outstanding fees. ATAC has been very compassionate and has depended on your good will for payment on time. Have a happy holiday.

ALL ABOUT ATAC

ATAC is a new not-for-profit senior trade college which provides individual support in small, air-conditioned classrooms allowing students to learn at their own pace. Regular parental discussion and feedback provides ongoing support to develop academic success, opportunity for work experience and potential apprenticeship in Year 12. Students learn to become more independent, responsible, and respectful as they would be expected to display such behavior at a workplace. Gambling Community Benefit Grant has been approved to provide some tools and machinery to complement our training and ATAC is about to build a multipurpose shed with facilities for training in construction and automotive as soon as possible. Our electrical, plumbing and communications network is being upgraded to meet the infrastructure requirements by the Council.

*8th Queensland Bushfoods
Conference - 27th November 2021
at ATAC. Expressions of interest are
now invited from presenters.
Please contact Dr. N Nand at
nnand@atac.qld.edu.au.*



Lewis Schultze with mum Peta Souwer and Scott from Busy at Work signing up for a three-year traineeship at KFC, Acacia Ridge. Congratulations Lewis. This outcome was achieved by Peta's efforts and supported by Dr. Nand who also attended the meeting.



(L-R) Cameron, Lewis, Corey (Arakan Martial Arts) and Toccara in warming-up action. Some tough activities after a gentle start to build stamina.



Kiara King comfortable in the nursery - planting snow peas and looking forward to some flowers after the two-week holidays.



Arakan Martial Arts warm up run during the first session with trainer Corey.



Toccara Macrae planting bok choy and broccoli in the new garden beds in the nursery. Are they organic? Yes, all organic and very nutritious.



(L-R) Nick, Kiara, Josh and Jayden for some Arakan experience with Corey. Great interest shown by students to build a healthy mind and body. More regular sessions to follow in Term III. `



Lewis (left) and Jayden happily enjoying completing the nursery and the garden beds. Thank you, Lewis, for getting all the tips from Jayden and doing some hard laboring.

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

ENROLMENT OPEN FOR 2021/2022

Limited Spaces

Complete QCE (Yr 12),
Cert. II in a Trade (TAFE)
& Cert. II in FSK & Business.

Unique Adjustable programs to get Jobs and/or Apprenticeships.
Great opportunity to build skills and earn & learn.

Enroll now in Cert. IV & Diploma in Leadership and Management
or Diploma in Business

Contact us:

07 5547 8598 or 0432 036 537


E: nnand@atac.qld.edu.au

Welcome to the Australian Technology &
Agricultural College E- LEARNING store.
(FROM ATAC WEBSITE)

All courses and resources are provided by ACS Distance
Education (<https://www.acs.edu.au>) click on [howtheywork.aspx](#) to
study short courses online.

The short courses include:

Business
Hospitality
Horticulture
Medicinal Herbs
Plant Taxonomy
Farming & Gardening
Project management
Indoor & Outdoor Plantings
Backyard Nursery
Animal Courses
Beekeeping
Aquaponics



ACS DISTANCE EDUCATION
ESTABLISHED 1979

Courses (Aus) www.acs.edu.au
Courses (UK) www.acsedu.co.uk
Short Courses www.studyacs.com
Books (Aus) www.acsbookshop.com
Books (UK) www.acsedu.co.uk
Affiliates www.acsaffiliates.com

P.O. Box 4171, Stourbridge,
DY8 2WZ, United Kingdom
Tel (+44) 0138 444 2752
Email john@acsedu.co.uk

**Well-Wishers supporting ATAC and our students
They can be contacted via their websites.**



**AQUAPONICS
MADE EASY!**
Grow fish and plants together!



www.aquaponics.NET.au

Murray Hallam
Practical Aquaponics
Ph 07 3200 0272 Fx 07 3297 5154
murray@aquaponics.NET.au
Team Economics Pty Ltd
21 - 31 Hives Road North Maclean QLD 4280



CTQ
**COMPRESSOR TECHNOLOGY
QUEENSLAND**

P: + 61 7 3133 3527
M: + 61 4 2846 6698
www.ctqgroup.com.au




**Paul**
Manager - Park Ridge News
www.parkridgenews.com.au
0410583291



www.parkridgenews.com.au



**maclean
produce QLD**
Where you'll find fantastic prices everyday!

**Animal Feed
& Produce**
8am - 6pm, 7 days a week
07 55469655
macleanproduceqld@outlook.com
Cnr Mount Lindsey
& Wearing Rd, North Maclean




one stop training



1300 556 387 training@onestopgroup.com.au
www.onestoptraining.com.au



**Fernland**
A GROWING ADVANTAGE

Zak Iqbal
SALES & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
M: 0455 415 504 | E: zak.i@fernland.com.au
FREECALL 1800 672 794
Head Office: 31-35 Paulger Flat Road, Yandina Qld 4561

ATAC RTO #45556

Enrolment is now open for Online courses:

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

For more information please contact:

Email: nnand@atac.qld.edu.au

rbehal@atac.qld.edu.au

Ph: 07 5547 8598

ENROLMENTS START from 01/07/2021