



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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Dr Narendra Nand

Principal's Message



Term 1 for 2021 concluded with some uncertainty due to the new lockdown of greater Brisbane, including Logan, and neighboring council areas having the risk of community transmission. As the Health Department advised, we will continue to follow procedures and maintain sanitisation protocols and the use of masks in closed areas. Safety is a priority, and we need to protect ourselves and keep others safe. If there are any signs or symptoms we should get tested and isolate.

Assessments have been continuing and students were engaged in the completion of relevant tasks in the last couple of days. Project work was slightly hindered by continuous rain, and absences due to floods. The Aquaponics project was also hindered due to water in the sump holes. Wooden sleepers have been bought to raise the tanks and protect from flooding with run-off water. The plants are thriving, and arrangements have been made to purchase fingerlings soon. Bush foods plants have been purchased to be planted to provide flowers for the native bees. A small model native bee nest has been bought to enable students to complete their boxes for our new native forest. Chicken and lizard projects are stable and progressing well. Students are collecting eggs daily and enjoying

making their own sandwiches when they need. We are glad that most students find their project work engaging and rewarding.

ATAC provides an alternative pathway to the completion of year 12 qualifications and students are fully supported to complete tasks and projects. Arrangements have been made for students to go to TAFE for the completion of their Trade taster program and their white cards. Two year 11 students are completing their Cert II Trade courses. Two other students are waiting for their placements in high demand courses, and we anticipate that their placements will be finalised next term. We look forward to engaging more businesses to provide them work experience and potentially casual employment for our students. Welcome introductions to new businesses willing to support our students.

Gary Suthers

English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher

We have concluded term one! Subject assessments have been finished and the subject examinations completed. Through some hard work from students, we have worked together to apply new learning to the assessment tasks. Year 11 students have been constructing their resumes and writing application letters. They also learnt about putting measurements, ratios and data together with cooking, to convert a recipe from feeding four people to feeding twenty and learning how not to take working with machinery for granted as they applied work safe procedures to common tasks. In year 10, a wide selection of songs have been played and their lyrics analysed

for English class. Students have been analysing contents of rubbish bins and compost bins for the Agricultural science task to reduce and recycle waste at school. The events leading up to WW11 as well as the war in Europe, in the Pacific and the importance of the KOKODA track have been studied in History. The film “Kokoda” provided a vivid and gritty reinforcement of learning. Eggs, eggs and some more eggs. Kiara and Lewis have been looking after our chickens, with good results. They have also begun measuring the egg output and the egg sizes so that they can predict future produce and so can start marketing our eggs. The few seedlings and plants that looked a bit wilted and small when put in the aquaponics beds a few weeks ago have grown, and are almost ready to eat! Lots of fresh produce from the Aqua house will be available soon. Thank you to all parents and guardians, for your continued support of your child’s learning here at ATAC and I wish you all a safe EASTER Break

Radhika Behal
Business Development Manager



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 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. ATAC’s unique pathway and complementary VET courses provided by our RTO (#45556) adds value to education and training of our community.

“LISTENING IS A SKILL”

Listening is one of the most important skills you can have. How well you listen has a major impact on your job effectiveness, and on the quality of your relationships with others.

- We listen to obtain information.
- We listen to learn.
- We listen to understand.
- We listen for enjoyment.

Some of us are not good listeners and research suggests that we only remember between 25 to 50 percent of what we hear, as described by Edgar Dale's Cone of Experience. Yes, when you talk to your boss, colleagues, customers, or spouse for 10 minutes, they pay attention to less than half of the conversation. So, when you are listening for receiving directions or being presented with information, you aren't hearing the whole message either. Have you captured at least 25-50 percent? What about the rest of the information?



**ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
18th APRIL 2021 (9.30 am)**

***AUSTRALIAN TECHNOLOGY
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***Growing Skills, Careers and
Communities.***

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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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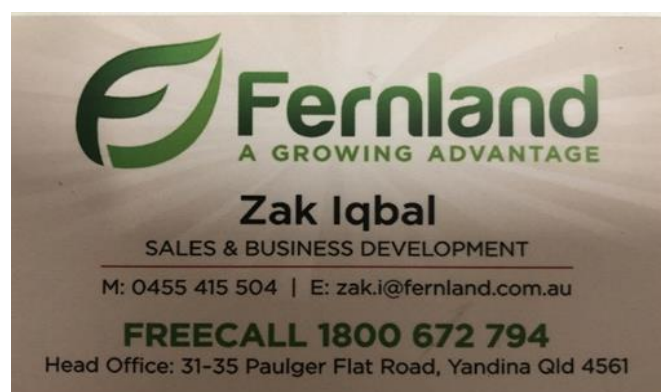
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Aquaponics Set-Up 2020/2021



The Aquaponics set up - complete with running cycle of water and minerals



Nickolas Springall with his vegetables and herbs thriving in the grow beds. Bushfood plants in the background. Thank you Po. Suresh Chandra (right) for supporting Nick with all the hard work

ATAC RTO#45556

Expression of Interests invited for:

- 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