



AGTECH Connections

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

Independent Senior Secondary College for Years 10 to 12

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College Founder/CEO

Dr Narendra Nand



Principal's Message

With slight improvement in the weather, we hope we can get more projects up and running. Assessments for the term have been continuing with lots of individual support to a few students. It has been a busy and difficult term. We managed to work closely with the students and parents to get a lot done. More IT issues had to be resolved to enable online and in-class lessons to be more productive. Over the remaining weeks left in the term, all assessments will have to be completed for semester I. Term II ends on 24th June 2022.

ATAC Academic Plans

We now have improved IT and support so that students can work from home and/or at school without any disruptions. "Early career, early income and early dreams" are our pathways for completion of education and training with achievement of Certificate II training programs at ATAC, TAFE courses, and Year 12 (QCE) qualifications.

Training in Cert. II FSK, Cert. IV and Diploma in Leadership & Management, and Diploma in Business with flexible learning options is open to all ages. Please visit our website for more information or visit the College. (New Cert. II in Workplace Skills would be offered upon approval soon). Congratulations to Radhika for having completed her TAE 40116. We now have two onsite trainers.

Student projects

All students have been learning about Native lizards, ducks, aquaponics, and the nursery. The old shed is being removed to accommodate the aquaponics and nursery components that can fit in the available space. Thanks to the boys who have assisted in the project work. Purchase of our machinery and tools are complete and we look forward to building the multipurpose shed as soon as approval is obtained. Most students are excited to do some hands-on activities including some mechanical tasks and car care. With improvements in the weather, we will start work on Native plants in the Bushfoods Park and the nursery to provide demonstration activities for Bushfoods conference in August.

Community engagement

Our understanding, resilience, hard work and partnership is greatly appreciated by the Board of Directors. Community engagement in student activities provide an impetus in the progress and performance of our students and the college. North Maclean Community Gardens (NMCG) members have shown more interest to improve their engagement with ATAC and continue their projects to support their members. They are interested in completing courses that can improve their skills in Horticulture/agriculture. New members are most welcome.

Infrastructure Development Plans

We look forward to re-schedule the development work as soon as we get all approvals. Earthworks, plumbing, and hydrology work is in progress and will recommence as soon as the weather permits to ensure we have the venue ready for Bushfoods Conference on 18, 19 and 20th August at the college. This will be in partnership with the Australian Institute of Horticulture.

Covid-19 - Masks off at Schools

We greatly appreciate the efforts made by all students and parents in keeping ATAC Covid-safe. While masks have become non-mandatory, individuals are urged to follow all isolation and sanitization protocols if tested positive. RAT kits are still available at the college for students and staff.

Parent Meetings

It has been very rewarding for parents and students who have made efforts to get job experience and/or apprenticeship. Another student has signed up his apprenticeship agreement last week and we are working with some potential employers to take on two other students. Thanks to parents who are assisting us in seeking employers who would provide an opportunity to their child.

Gary Suthers

English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher

It is almost the end of term two and most year 10 students have started their assessment items for English and Health and Physical Education. The year 12 students have been working on practice exams so that they are ready for their external Maths and English examinations. The year 10 students have watched the Baz Luhrmann film "Romeo + Juliet" to understand the elements of a Shakespearian tragedy. They have also watched "Gnomeo and Juliet" to compare the different ways of telling the same story. They are also learning about the evolution of species in science, and how there are many examples of Darwin's theory in our natural world. The year 10 students have also begun TAFE Trade Taster program with students going one day a week to Acacia Ridge TAFE, with many of them gaining their White Card training so that they can work safely in the construction industry.

The senior students in year 12 have been working to complete their subjects for their senior certificate as well as their TAFE courses, their Future Skills and Business Certificate courses and work or work experience. Congratulations to Riley,

who has secured an apprenticeship in heavy automotive through his hard work and on his own initiative. Dylan and Nick, continue to gain valuable experience through their commitment to continue in their work experience placements.

It will be an exciting year at ATAC, with lots of opportunity for practical experience in construction, (with the old shed being remodelled) agriculture (with the greenhouse project growing lots of plants for commercial use) animal husbandry (with our poultry stock growing with new ducks and chickens) and bush food, with our native garden blooming.

Working with our students is a very rewarding experience for me and seeing them all grow in confidence and in skills and knowledge is a great privilege. Over their time here at ATAC, I hope that you will see your young person grow more confident and happier as they gain new skills and learn in other ways.

Thank you to all parents and guardians, for your continued support of your child's learning here at ATAC.

Radhika Behal

MBA & MSc + TAE 40116

Business Development Manager

Thank you to parents who have paid the school fees on time. We are waiting for payments from a few more parents. Receipts /invoices were sent via MYOB. If you have any questions, please contact us.

ATAC programs provide pathways and support to fill the gaps and allow students to progress their education and careers. We will be delivering courses to online students in FSK Cert II and Diploma in Business and Diploma in Leadership and Management. You may contact us at any time to enroll for online or face to face training. ATAC enrolment is open all year round to support any student who is willing to put in some extra effort under a customized plan to successfully complete his/her senior education. For any further information please feel free to visit us or email us. rbehal@atac.qld.edu.au or call 55478598.



Mr Bhagwanji Bhindi

Retired linguistics lecturer (Sydney)

Humility –A Graceful Value

Humility is a

Powerful weapon in one's life

It's a resilient peacemaker for all at all times

It's a robust facilitator for learners and teachers

It's a positive game changer for leaders

Humility brings

False self-pride down

And restrains arrogance

Enhances integrity and honesty

Upholds strength in confidence

Humility offers

A higher growth mind-set

Never-ending ability to achieve

An asset for self-improvement

Augments emotional intelligence

Humility needs

A life of modesty and humbleness

Accepting free criticism to better one's self

Apologizing after making a mistake

Only for humanizing one's betterment

Humility doesn't mean you are weak and meek

It signifies inner strength and vigor

Normally people perceive it as vulnerable

People with humility are perceived as simple and resilient

Look deeper you will discover sturdiness and toughness

Humility achieves its values

By building profound self-confidence

By asking questions with genuine heart and mind to learn

By becoming comfortable with uncomfortable


By focusing on goals with sincere and deeper reflection

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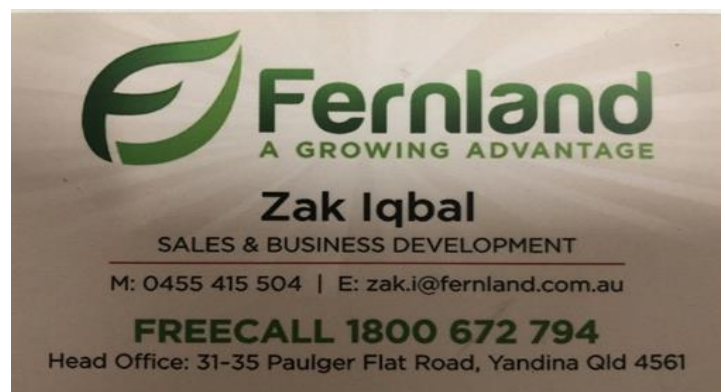
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INDEPENDENT LIFE SKILLS



Aiden, Sean, James and Riley look on (L-R) Year 10 and 12 students doing their BBQ and developing some basic skills for independent living and getting credit points toward their QCE



Nickolas Springall near the native grass learning the basics of Landscape Designs with the fastest growing native species being used in landscape.



James likes more cooked sausages. He is obviously getting more engaged and having fun.

WELCOME



ATAC welcomes 8 baby ducklings. Good addition to our stock which has been an exciting experience for our students. Thanks, boys, for looking after them and thanks Radhika for checking on the feed and water daily and in the holidays



Sean making sure Tyler does not make sausages into pencils while Bayden keeps annoying the boys to hurry up.



Welcome Kasey and Kyle (in uniform) with Andrew Bowler and mum Debbie. Kasey and Kyle joined ATAC last week and have found ATAC an interesting and unique college to grow their careers. It allows them to be back at school and continue further their education and training.

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