



AGTECH Connections

The newsletter of the Australian Technology
& Agricultural College (RTO #45556)

'Connecting the College with the Community'

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Independent Senior Secondary College for Years 10 to 12

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It is a great relief that the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions are lifted and the Queensland borders are now open. As advised by the ISQ Director, ATAC will follow the procedures stipulated for state and independent schools. ATAC will continue to follow all the sanitization and contact tracing protocols. Thanks to everyone for maintaining safety during this challenging period.

Staff are busy with reporting and preparing for the end of the year Awards Night on 9th December 2020. Congratulations to Caleb Sutcliffe this year and to all those students receiving awards.

ATAC greatly appreciates the effort by Ms. Marnie Parker of ISQ for teaching "life skills" sessions to our students on 26th October and 23rd November 2020. Australian Native flavors and complete cooking sessions with ready to go meals were prepared and enjoyed by the students and staff. Highly nutritious and adaptable Native species of plants, and animals are included in our agricultural projects to generate more interest in young people to utilize the adaptable species for unique flavours and niche markets.

Four ATAC students have been doing work experience and casual jobs and all have attended TAFE or have enrolled for Trade courses next year. Our focus is to develop work skills in students to prepare them for employment opportunities as

they progress with their academic work to complete QCE requirements. This unique pathway helps students to work at their own pace and build personal qualities, attitudes, and commitments for a lifelong career. This enables students to finish studies under less pressure compared to normal schooling and to join the workforce at an earlier age. Our hands-on, project-based and comprehensive program is suitable for those wanting to start a career early in life with the opportunity to pursue higher education and training when they are ready. Project reports are being assessed and expected to be forwarded to all students.

The heat in the last few weeks and the drought has inhibited the efforts of North Maclean Community Garden members. They had to buy water for about 500 chili plants.

ATAC has plans to build a shed and provide additional hands-on practical training specially to support learning about agricultural technologies. The Board greatly appreciates the effort and support of all parents and business communities supporting our students. We encourage volunteers and businesses to contact us if you could assist our students in any training activities.

ATAC is open for new enrolments for 2021 and all those interested can contact us at the college, by phone: 0432036537

or by email: nand@atac.qld.edu.au

School holiday starts Monday 14th December 2020 and reopens on Wednesday 27 January 2021.

NB: All returning students will need to enroll again on the first day of school.

Gary Suthers

English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher

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

This is it, the end of the academic year for 2020. A year of new starts, new experiences, new ways of learning, new classroom and new projects. For students who have been with us for the whole year or those who have been with us only part of the year, thank you for your hard work, for your contributions to the class sessions (both serious and humorous) and for doing the best that you can. As a teacher, I am always amazed at how much I learn from my students, so thank you for all my new knowledge! Assessments are completed, and the reporting time of the year has begun. I hope to see you all at Graduation night to celebrate this past year of success in learning and reward your efforts and contributions. For those students who are moving on next year, I wish you all success at your new schools and I know that you will be successful as you continue your learning journey.

ALL ABOUT ATAC

ATAC is a new not-for-profit senior college which provides individual support in small, air-conditioned classrooms allowing students to work 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. Mental health support and behavior management training is provided to ATAC staff and students through a grant from the Federal Government via Hon Bert Van Manen, Local member for Forde. Gambling Community Benefit Grant has been approved to provide some tools and machinery to complement our training at ATAC.

Radhika Behal

Business Development Manager

Thank you to all parents who have confirmed the enrolment of their child for 2021. Please complete forms on the first day.

May this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year. Here’s wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

STAY SAFE AND STAY HAPPY!



2021 School Terms Date

Term1	Wednesday 27th 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

COOKING SESSION WITH MARNIE PARKER (ISQ)



Dylan, Caleb and Nick waiting to be served



Jayden and Dylan setting up the food trays



Food preparation in progress by students



Marnie Parker (ISQ) teaching students some cooking skills and hygiene



Lachlan learning cooking skills



Cameron loves eating different flavours



Nick enjoying Native flavors



Dylan barbecuing kebabs and loves the fun

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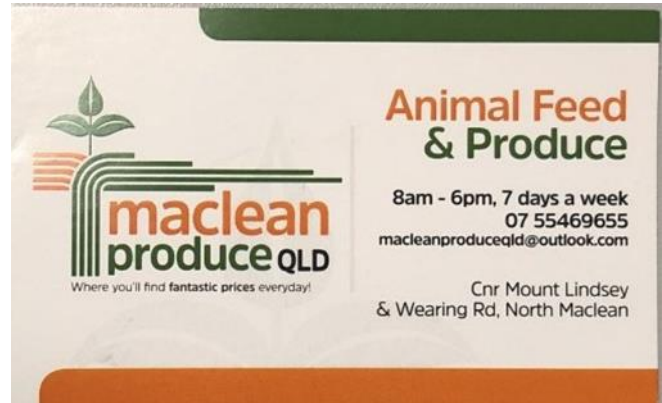


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THAI GREEN PAPAYA SALAD



Papaya commonly known as pawpaw is a very nutritious and healthy food which has medicinal and nutritive properties. It is widely used in Thai dishes. Green papaya salad provides a variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian options for a simple common recipe which is easily customized to everyone's taste. Students prepared their meals and enjoyed their lunch with staff, and some even shared it with their parents.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
SAFE HOLIDAYS FROM ATAC
STAFF AND BOARD
MEMBERS**