

AGTECH Connections

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Independent Senior Secondary College for Years 10 to 12

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Principal's Message

Vaccinations is the best way to go for long term Covid management. It is great to see some policy shifts used by Queensland government to minimise outbreaks, chances of lockdowns, influx of patients in hospitals, and increasing risks of mental well-being. We fully support and comply with the advice of the Queensland Health and the ISQ's mandatory Covid-19 sanitization guidelines. Let us get vaccinated and return to normal life as soon as possible. "Protect yourself to protect other vulnerable people and children".

It was good to have a first non-masked function at the India Day celebrations at South Bank Piazza on Saturday 20th October witnessed by dignitaries from the Brisbane City Council and Government and opposition leaders. It was a great event with lots of food varieties, dance, music and songs. Thanks to our Chair for sponsoring ATAC at the event.

Academic progress

Having reached the middle of the fourth term, some students have moved on while others are completing their final assessments. One student has received a fulltime apprenticeship and another two are in the process of formalisation of their apprenticeships. These are great outcomes. Please help us secure traineeships and apprenticeships for our students and help them

prepare for employment. ATAC's unique pathway provides opportunity to start an apprenticeship early and continue a trade career as students continue to complete their apprenticeship and Year 12. Every student is individually supported to complete their QCE, Cert. II in FSK Cert. II in Business and a trade of their choice of trade through TAFE. The pathway provides four certificates at the end of year 12, including QCE.

Student projects

More chooks, lizards, fish, and plants are to be purchased to build our project activities. Dylan worked on his lizards, Lewis and Jayden moved the duck fence, Nick added the vertical gardens to his aquaponics. Students helped move the chook fence and increase the run area. Some students worked in the nursery to plant more vegetables. Information and data are collected for the management and maintenance of their projects which contribute to their agricultural curriculum. The interest-based hands-on activities are engaging most of the students who love the outdoor work. With infrastructure improvement and potential funding, we plan to offer additional new projects in trades and agriculture. The North Maclean Community gardens project provides horticultural knowledge to our students.

Parent/guardian engagement

We continue to receive positive feedback from parents/guardians during discussions on the progress, engagement, and career pathways for their child. Regular discussions encourage students to complete their projects and academic work with greater interest and commitment.

Thanks to all parents/guardians who take keen interest to engage with ATAC staff and provide ongoing support to our students. Children of parents who have been actively involved with their child's progress show evidence of good behavior, performance, and success. All parents/guardians are invited to meet us at their convenience.

Our RTO (#45556) is approved to provide online/face to face training for Cert. II FSK, Cert. IV and Diploma in Leadership & Management and Diploma in Business to anyone interested. We had an audit this month and we look forward to approval to offer a Cert. II in Workplace Skills. Most of the information is provided on our website, however, you are most welcome to contact or visit us for further details. These courses are also open to non-students and adults online and face to face as applicable.

Infrastructure Development Plans

After a series of communications, our amended Development Approval has been finally cleared by the Council. We are working closely with the developer, engineer, certifier, and the shed company for the construction of our multipurpose shed. Our students are very excited to see the shed building ready for their trade activities giving them more opportunities and flexibility in their career paths. The main hall of the shed would be used for the 8th Bushfoods Conference to be held in March/April 2022.

ALL ABOUT ATAC

ATAC is a small 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 provide ongoing support to develop academic success, opportunity for work experience and potential apprenticeship in Year 12 via VETiS program. Students learn to become more independent, responsible, and respectful as they would be expected to display such behaviour at a workplace. Small grants such as Gambling Community Benefit Grant and Government Community grants have been of great benefit to provide some tools and machinery

to complement our training and mental health support. The shed with facilities for training opportunities in construction and automotive will supplement training our students in a wider range of skills.

Gary Suthers

English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child at ATAC. Term IV has begun and the hard work has started with all students being introduced to the main subjects of English, Maths, History and Science. The Year 10 students are studying comedy for English and what makes the different forms of comedy relatable and why we laugh. The broad area of comedy from satirical comedy, political cartoons, physical and exaggerated comedy to situation comedy will be covered by the students. The subject of popular culture is being studied in History, so questions about T.V in the 80's and 90's, shoulder pad fashion and big hair and the obsession with The Rubik Cube will be posed! Year 11 students are exploring the effect that role models have in our life and the mathematics of overseas travel and moving out of home. The Agricultural science subject this term focuses on native plants identification as students observe, identify with scientific names, and build a portfolio of specimen from our own native garden. Some of our students have been working enthusiastically on their Agricultural Science projects, with the ducky additions growing very large and the chickens laying springtime eggs! Thank you to all parents and guardians, for your continued support of your child's learning here at ATAC.

Important Dates:

Term IV - 6 October – 10 December 2021

Invitation To Graduation Evening:

17th November 2021 (4.30-6.30 PM)

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS



LI-R) Nick, Jayden, Josh and Dylan in a FSK training session with Dr Nand in our training Room



Debbie and Margaret Harland from Munruben donated horticultural and botanical books for use at the college. Great resource materials for gardening enthusiast. Thank you



Nick Springall relaxing after putting hundreds of cups for his vertical gardens. Congratulation Nick.



Delivery of shed roller doors from Stratco for our multipurpose shed

LIFE SKILLS LESSIONS (with Dr Nand)

Multi-meal raw papaya salad



Year 10 & 11 Students in a life skills session making a multi-meal type raw papaya salad. Students had the option to make Vegan, Vegetarian and Non-vegetarian dishes that could provide healthy small or large meals with optional ingredients and meat options. A variety of healthy meals could be prepared for snacks, lunches, and/or dinners in a short period.

2021 School Terms

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| 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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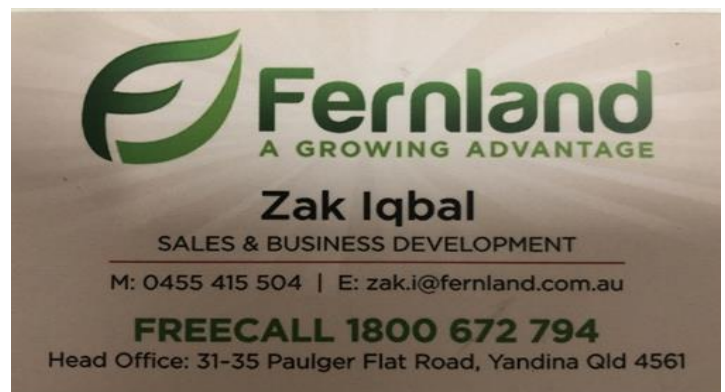
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