



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

Covid management as a new way of life

With increasing vaccinations and masked workplace protocols, we have had greater freedom as evidenced with the historic NRL grand final in Brisbane in the weekend. Our advice follows the Queensland Health and the ISQ's mandatory Covid-19 sanitization guidelines along with vaccinations as soon as possible. Once we have reached threshold vaccination levels; our national and international borders will be relaxed and we expect to get our normal lives back much sooner. Our advice to the ATAC community is to get vaccinated and protect yourself to protect others.

Academic progress

The fourth term began with one new enrolment, but one student had to leave due to personal reasons. Congratulations to another student who secured an apprenticeship. Additional tuition in Mathematics was provided to the student as was required for his apprenticeship. ATAC's unique pathway lies in opportunities for students to do their trade career and or join in VETiS program or an apprenticeship. Every student is individually supported to complete their QCE, Cert. II in FSK Cert. II in Business and a trade of their choice from TAFE. Work experience and/or a traineeship/apprenticeship before the end of Year 12 is a great

opportunity for our students. Job ready students are placed in work environments for early career start, with some income. This strategy focusses on the career and the future of the students despite loss of an enrolment for the school if they decide to leave early.

Student projects

Our native lizard, chicken, nursery, aquaponics, ducks, and bushfoods park projects are now in advanced stages with the help of some very passionate students. Some students are involved in more specific detailed management and maintenance of their projects to contribute towards their agricultural curriculum. The various projects offered students to engage in interest-based hands-on activities. With plans to improve infrastructure we plan to offer additional new projects in trades and agriculture.

Parent/guardian engagement

We are greatly thankful to all those parents/guardians and businesses who engage with ATAC and provide ongoing feedback and support to our students. We continue to receive positive feedback from parents/guardians during discussions on the progress, engagement, and career pathways for their child. The meetings, emails, phone calls and regular discussions with parents/guardians encourage students to complete their projects and academic work with greater interest and commitment.

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. Cert. II

Business is being updated and will become available once approved by ASQA for delivery in 2022. Please contact the college for further information.

Infrastructure Development Plans

The long-awaited approval for our multipurpose shed is very close to finalization. As soon as the approval is obtained, we would work closely with the shed company to get it completed within a few weeks. The students are very excited to see the shed up and ready for their trade activities giving them more opportunities and flexibility in their career paths. We look forward to using the main hall for the 8th Bushfoods Conference postponed to March 2022 due to Covid Travel restrictions for speakers and participants.

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 behavior at a workplace. Small grants such as Gambling Community Benefit Grant and Federal 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 to a wider range of skills. ATAC will also improve the electrical, plumbing and communications network to improve learning experiences and physical and mental health activities.

Gary Suthers

English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher

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

Term four 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 Ten students are looking at 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 maybe questions about T.V in the 80's and 90's, shoulder pad fashion and big hair and the obsession with The Rubik Cube were posed! Year Eleven 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

Graduation Evening:

27th November 2021 (4.30-6.30 PM)

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS



Nick, Dylan, Lewis and Jayden excited to get the old ute running after weeks of effort. Congratulation's boys.



Dr Nand with Mathew from Auto One, Browns Plains who visited ATAC to provide some workshop materials to our students on 7 September 2021. Great offer of partnership and support to ATAC students. Thankyou.



Jayden with Nick have been really excited to get some tips from Devendra Naidu who courteously agreed to share his knowledge about cars with our students. He explained a bit of theory and it enabled Nick to get the engine running smoothly.



Mathew handing over Auto One bucket with accessories for use in the workshop to Lewis. Nick and Jayden have received theirs.



Harry Sibley showing-off his efforts in the nursery to his aunt Rebecca. He always gives a hand in nurturing the plants and providing ng support to other girls in planting and watering the native plants, vegetables, and succulents.



Mr. Gary Suthers with Harry and his aunt followed up Harry's progress and career options. Harry has been provided Term III scholarship by Dr. Daryl and Cheryl Dymock to enable Harry to re-engage and complete his high school. *Congratulations Harry and thanks to the sponsors.*

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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ATAC Board of Directors 2021- 2022



Australian Technology & Agricultural College Board of Directors at the September board meeting at ATAC on 12th September 2021. (L-R) Mr. Dhirendra Singh, Ms. Irene Bayldon (Chair), Mr. Brahama Deo, Mr. Craig Butler and Dr. Narendra Nand. Prof. Sarojni Choy and Mrs. Wanshika Rai were online.