



# AGTECH Connections

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

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## College Founder/CEO

*Dr Narendra Nand*

### Welcome to North Maclean Campus- Now Open



What a great feeling to be on the original proposed site at North Maclean. Despite several delays in development approval and road access to the site, we have been informed that DTMR will undertake the service road construction, tentatively to start in March 2018. Hopefully the traffic lights at the Greenbank Road junction will become operational by late November 2018 as per our discussions last year. We do not anticipate there would be any further delays. A safe access to the site will be provided and make it much easier for all students and parents. Our refurbished Administration Building and new Fleetwood designed building, which is fully air-conditioned with necessary lighting and communications network as approved by Education Queensland is now operational for teaching-learning purposes.



New Fleetwood building is fully air-conditioned with communications network and meets Education Queensland standards for a typical modern classroom as used in many schools.

We welcome all our students to continue their careers with an alternative pathway to trade careers and QCE. A more flexible and adaptable learning facility gives opportunities to all students to develop their own attitudes and personalities to become job-ready. Greater space at North Maclean campus will also enable us to embark onto new and exciting hands-on projects to enable students to learn small business skills. Our partnerships with local Businesses are growing and we have five students into School-Based apprenticeship and three students who have taken up full-time apprenticeship. Seven students graduated in QCE last year from our Parkinson Campus, which is now closed. This was a great outcome for a small new college with many very happy parents.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Damian Watt and his family for the sad loss of Damian's father who was ill for some time. ATAC staff, students and parents' prayers and wishes are with you. May the lord provide you the strength and courage to overcome the grief.

Welcome to Gary Nahrung, who has started last week to support us in Damian Watt's absence. Gary has a lot of experience in Horticulture and outdoor teaching and learning activities and we would provide him full support to establish horticulture, sports and some trade based, (hands-on) out-door activities. Thank you, Erin Zammit and Aaron Jaques for your contribution to ATAC. Wish you the very best with your families.



ATAC students attending an out-door learning activity with Mr Gary Nahrung in the lunch area.



Billy Licence with her proud mother Amanda Licence and Dr. Nand at ATAC, signing documents for job experience.

### **Priority for Job Placements/Apprenticeships**

Welcome back to all our students who were with us last year. Your commitment to completing the academic work and improving your personal and job readiness skills will be highly rewarding as we put more students with our business partners.

Staff will be re-iterating College policies and procedures that will need to be strictly followed by all students in order to obtain very high achievement in employability skills. Complementary training and job experience with some of our partners would provide opportunities for skills development for any potential jobs. Main areas of attachments in 2017 have been in Child Care, Health & Beauty and Trades. However, we are optimistic that more diverse skills in Retail, Hospitality and Agriculture or Horticulture would become available in 2018.

ATAC staff members have been working over the holidays and are committed to supporting parents and students who work closely with our team to meet expectations of potential employers.

Congratulations to Billy Licence who will be on work experience at Mendham Engineering. Billy performed exceptionally well at the interview and Radhika and I had accompanied Billy to discuss the potential opportunity for an apprenticeship. We are very thankful to Mendham Engineering for the opportunity for ATAC students and we wish to work closely and strengthen our ties with them. Thanks to Ron for your words and feelings on supporting young kids and agreeing to talk to our students on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30 am.

### **Services at ATAC**

Tamsyn Rose from ALIVE will be conducting her second session in Jiu Jitsu with our students this term and many students are looking forward to the very interesting activity. Dr Kelly Dawson of Springwood Wellness Centre has kindly agreed to continue her professional services to ATAC staff and students with the help of locals. Please note that some of these services maybe at no cost. Please contact Dr Kelly Dawson or ATAC staff if any of you require any further assistance.

### **Enrollments**

Enrollments for 2018 are open and returning students are to attend at North Maclean campus. Parkinson campus has been closed since 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. Please view our website for further information and contact ATAC to enroll now. We hope to meet with you in the smartest uniforms to start 2018 academic year.

### **Administration Officer**

*Wanshika Rai*

Hope everyone had a very relaxing Christmas break! We are very excited to start at North Maclean! This year we have more opportunities to provide our students with hands-on activities.

The invoices for the first week/term were emailed last week, if you have not received the email or have any further questions regarding ATAC tuition fees, please contact me directly via email [finance@atac.qld.edu.au](mailto:finance@atac.qld.edu.au).

We are able to take payments via EFTPOS, Direct Debit and cash.

**ATAC Bus**

Our college bus will pick students from Greenbank Road junction near **Caltex at 8.15am** and BP service station on **Wearing Rd at 8.20am** to transport them to the ATAC compound. No students are allowed to cross the Mt. Lindesay Highway at any time. Students are dropped to these **two service stations at 3.10pm (BP) and 3.15pm (Caltex)**, so that they can catch their buses on time. Please ensure that students are on time, there will be only one service in the morning and one in the afternoon for the ATAC bus and the public transport runs on an hourly basis.

**Public Transport Time tables**

Arrives	8.11 → at Caltex (North Bound)
	8.09 → at BP (South Bound)
Depart	3.19 pm → Caltex (North Bound)
	3.24 pm → BP (South Bound)

**School Timetable**

Please note that the **school hours are from 8:30am to 3:00pm Monday – Friday**, in line with most schools for the convenience of parents/guardians/teachers and public services.

	MON -FRI
<b>8:30 - 8:45</b>	<b>Site meeting</b>
<b>8:45 - 10:15</b>	Class
<b>10:15 - 11:45</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
<b>11:45 - 1:00</b>	Class
<b>1:00 - 1:45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:45 - 3.00</b>	Class

***ATAC VISION***

Our vision is to provide high standard nationally recognised Education in Technical, Agricultural and Trade sectors with an alternative pathway to QCE and higher Education for young people to support Agricultural and Industrial sectors.

***ATAC MISSION***

Our mission is to provide life skills in personal and career development with workplace opportunities through senior education, VET and potential research and development in Trades, Agricultural and Horticultural sectors with emphasis on Bushfoods, vegetables, medicinal plants and Food industries.



The Chairman of ATAC Board, Emeritus Professor Roderick Drew addressing staff, visitors and students in the new air-conditioned Fleetwood building on the first day at the North Maclean site.



Students very attentively listening to the speech by Professor Roderick Drew.





Gary Nehrung joined us this week to relieve Damian Watt and to teach Horticulture and provide support with other out-door activities.



Matt (centre) from North Maclean BP Service Station with Radhika and Dr Nand discussing potential job experience opportunities for ATAC Students.



Warm welcome to Brianna Corben, who will be assisting in administration.

**Limited spaces!!**

***Enrolling Now for 2018!  
Enjoy small classes and hands  
on activities***

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