



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

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Principal's Message

What a good start to Term II with less rain and cooler days. We look forward to a compact term with a lot of academic and project work to be completed. With all IT issues resolved, all learning programs in place, students more focused, some students doing their work experiences, and the individual support we provide, most students are busily progressing well with their academic work.



Covid-19 – Management

With masks off at Schools, we have had only three isolations, with precautionary measures to prevent further spread. ATAC greatly appreciates the support provided by the students and parents in preventing the spread of COVID. ATAC is well prepared now with 100% vaccinations and uptake of booster shots and RAT tests. The ATAC community is still encouraged to use masks and follow isolation and sanitization protocols to minimize the risks. RAT kits are still available at the College if needed. Year 10 students have received their vaccinations from the Logan City Council last week.

ATAC Academic Plans

Students at ATAC follow a flexible program for “early career, early income and early dreams”. Students have full access to online and face to face learning resources and assessment tasks to enable them to work at school and/or home.

Year 12 (QCE) qualifications and Certificate II training programs via TAFE and ATAC approved courses are provided to students offering unique pathways to early skills and career training.

Please visit our website for information on courses available to anyone wanting to do Cert. II FSK, Cert. IV and Diploma in Leadership & Management and Diploma in Business. New Cert. II in Workplace Skills would be offered upon approval soon.

Student projects

As new students have settled in learning about Native lizards, ducks, aquaponics, and the nursery, they now feel happy and engaged in the projects. With slight improvements in weather, Dylan and Nick have been engaging students in some outdoor projects. Students have started clearing up the old shed to make way for new aquaponics set up and the nursery to advance their projects to complement their agricultural curriculum and to show case for our upcoming Bushfoods conference on 19th and 20th August 2022.

Community engagement

Thank you to all parents/guardians who supported our students and staff at ATAC during the floods and Covid. Our understanding, resilience, hard work and partnership is greatly appreciated by the students and the Board of Directors. Community engagement is an integral initiative of ATAC to enhance the progress, and development of career pathways of our young people. Parents/guardians are encouraged to fully engage in student activities and projects to support the learning programs. North Maclean Community Garden (NMCG) members had been seriously affected by heavy rains and floods and are now trying to salvage and replant for the next season. ATAC welcomes any new members to establish their projects that could be of educational benefit to our students.

Infrastructure Development Plans

The shed has been progressing slowly despite delays in earthworks, plumbing and hydrology reports and by bad weather. Work has been continually rescheduled due to the weather and we hope to start work as soon as we get all the approvals. The delays will have no effect on the Bushfoods Conference scheduled to be held on 18-20th August at the college in partnership with the Australian Institute of Horticulture. Meetings and planning have been ongoing to ensure a successful Bushfoods Conference at ATAC.

Parent Meetings

It has been very heartening to get very positive feedback from a few parents who are happy to learn that their children enjoy coming to ATAC and are doing far more work and happily engaging in the projects. Two students are waiting to sign up for their apprenticeships and Year 10 students are waiting for Trade Taster program at TAFE. Others are waiting to sign up for work experience. Thanks to parents who have assisted in seeking employers who would provide the most important learning at work opportunity to their child. ATAC looks forward to welcome anyone who would be keen to provide work experience, some casual employment, or an apprenticeship to our students.

Gary Suthers

English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher

Already at the start of term two, most students have settled into the routine of school again. The Year 10 students have started to learn about Elizabethan times and the way that Shakespeare's writing and words are still with us today. They are also looking at how, throughout the twentieth century, a brave few stood up for the rights of many, including, Ghandi, Martin Luther King and Eddie Mabo. The Year 10 students have also begun TAFE Trade Taster program with some students attending one day a week at Acacia Ridge TAFE to experience different trade skills.

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. The Year 10 students have been working on their Math and English skills, with time devoted to math practice, spelling, grammar and reading.

It will be an exciting year at ATAC, with lots of opportunities 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

Business Development Manager

I would like to thank the students and parents for their effort and time in providing the information for the consent forms and student information. Year 10 students have been given Immunization injections by LCC as scheduled on 26 April 2022. All student background data has now been submitted. Please note that invoices for your term fees have been sent, and we greatly appreciate your prompt settlement. Payment on time save time and confusion for all of us.

ATAC programs provide pathways and support to fill the gaps and allow students to progress their education and careers. ATAC enrolment is open all year round to support any student who is willing to put in some extra effort with a customized plan to successfully complete his/her senior education. For any further information please feel free to visit us.

Change –A Moving Force

I constantly keep changing my thinking

Am I fickle minded or adapting to life changes?

Without changing my thinking do I progress?

Changes bring discomfort and uneasiness

Without adopting changes I feel awkward

A life without change is inevitably unavoidable

But changing to discredit someone is futile

Changing for improvement is worthwhile

Without self-improving change is worthless

Self-change can lead to others changing

It is senseless to resist any meaningful change

Constantly changing for betterment is the key to moving forward

Changing for the sake of change is the cause of decay

Changing to please someone is valueless

Changing when forced to change is embarrassing

Changing attitude for strategic change is smartness

Changing adversities to opportunities is redeeming

Improving with every change is changing uniquely

Accept the change with exciting adjustment

To make life more relevant and vibrant



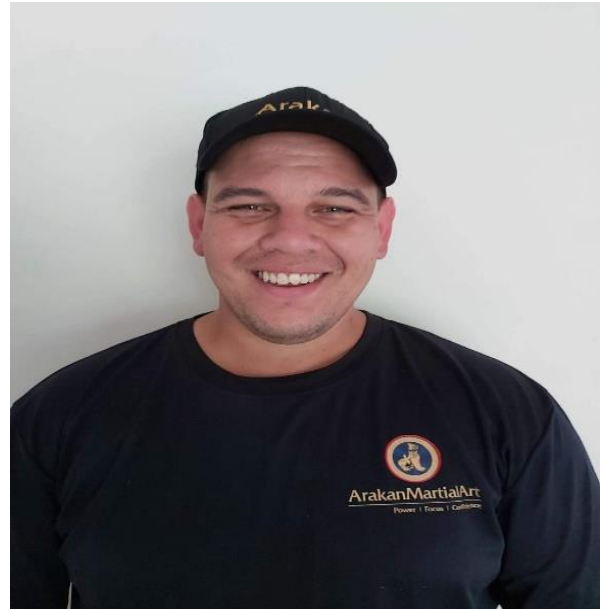
*by Bhagwanji Bhindi
(Retired linguistics lecturer) Sydney*



Bayden Paton-Gray at the Dawn service at Beaudesert Sub-branch ANZAC Day parade in Rathdowney.

Mental and Physical Health support

ATAC provides weekly training to engage and provide Arakan Martial Arts by a professional and qualified instructor. Attendance for the program for this extra-curricular activity is marked so that the students could be given a certificate of completion at the end of the year. Martial arts help students to build their motor skills, physical health, mental stamina and most importantly self-confidence.



Arakan Martial Arts Instructor – Corey Davies



Bayden in full prade display on Anzac Day. Congratulations Bayden. Uniform, disipline and commitments will help to build you into a responsible confident and respectful adult.




Nick, Aidan, Bayden, Tyler and Sean with the instructor, Corey.

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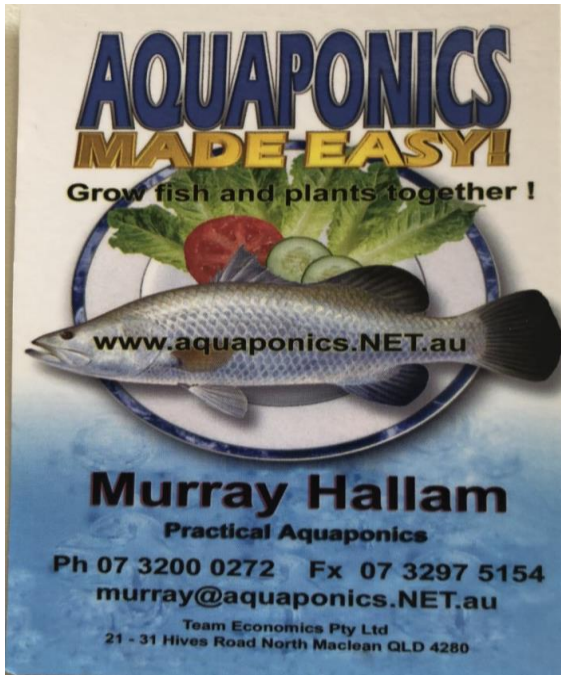


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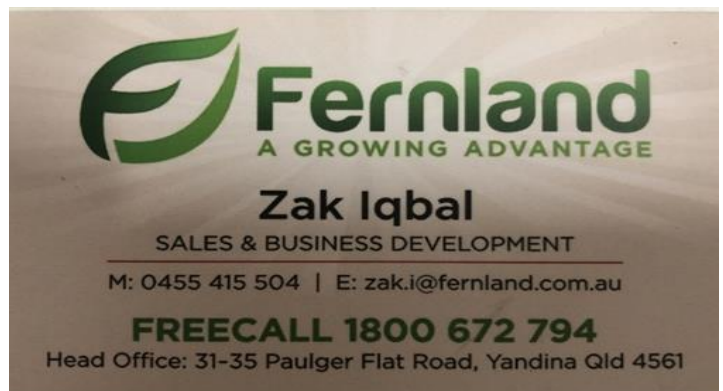
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