



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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Dr Narendra Nand



Principal's Message

With the end of semester one, and improvements in the weather we feel greatly relieved. Assessments have been completed and we look forward to marking and report writing. Post Covid, floods and bad weather made the 2022 a difficult time for many families. However, we acknowledge the support of many parents, students, and well-wishers. Ongoing IT issues are resolved to enable more productive in-class lessons and better online work. The new semester begins on 11th July 2022 and we look forward to the development in infrastructure and RTO courses

ATAC Academic Plans

“Early career, early income and early dreams” are our pathways for completion of education and training. Students achieve Certificate II training programs at ATAC, TAFE courses, and Year 12 (QCE) qualifications. Training in Cert. II FSK, Cert. IV and Diploma in Leadership & Management, and Diploma in Business is open to all ages with flexible learning options. We are proving additional training to two new part-time staff to support our RTO programs. New staff will be doing Cert III Horticulture and Cert. IV in Business and Leadership & Management to provide additional support to our team in enrolling mature students in new RTO courses. New Cert. II in Workplace Skills would be offered upon approval.

Student projects

Some students got excited with their Bali Hut project and had shown a great team effort to cut down trees for posts. Apart from learning about Native lizards, ducks, aquaponics, and the nursery, they like to do some construction and make a traditional country style renewable hut. The old shed will form the new aquaponics site with additional space for nursery expansion. Purchase of our machinery and tools from the Gambling Fund grant is complete and they would be housed in the multipurpose building upon approval. Students are very excited to do some hands-on activities in construction, mechanical and the nursery. The weather is good to enable students to work on Native plants in the Bushfoods Park and in the nursery. With kids KRANK activity planned at ATAC on Saturday 9th July from 10.00 am, the conductors Natasha and Jason Roebig will be displaying their knowledge and skills to expose young children to bee-keeping tips.

Community engagement

Community engagement in student activities provides a lot of encouragement to our students. North Maclean Community Garden (NMCG) members have shown a lot of interest to improve their engagement and continue their projects at ATAC to support their members. They want to do courses that can improve their skills in Horticulture/agriculture and our trainers will be able to provide training to many local growers. With voluntary help from Daniel Cole and Vinesh Prasad, we would like to develop our nursery to generate some income for ATAC. Members of the community, businesses and parents are most welcome to join our Board members to support our student projects.

Infrastructure Development Plans

Planning to re-schedule the preparation of the concrete pad and the shed construction upon plumbing approval is being done. The plumber and the shed company would be working closely with me to schedule the concreting and shed construction. Earthworks will begin as soon as we have received all approvals from the Council as the weather permits.

The Bushfoods Conference to be held in August has now been postponed to May 2023. By then we will be fully ready to host the National Conference on site in partnership with Australian Institute of Horticulture and Queensland Bushfoods Association. The date for the conference will be finalized at our next meeting.

Covid-19 – Safety & Precaution

Masks have become non-mandatory; however, students and staff are taking necessary precautions to prevent spread at the college. Students are taking RAT tests and isolating if known to be positive, RAT kits are still available at the college for students and staff. Thanks to all parents/guardians for supporting the Covid-safe plans.

Parent Meetings

Thank you to all parents who have been able to make time to discuss their child's performance and engagement. Some students are going to TAFE while two go for apprenticeship training. Job experience and traineeship is very important, and every student should be building personal skills and making choices for their interactions with others so that they could be recommended and supported for job experiences. Some parents are assisting us in seeking employers who would provide an opportunity for job experience and/or traineeship. It is greatly appreciated by the ATAC Board.

Gary Suthers

English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher

Assessment items for Maths, English and Health and Physical Education for year 10 had been completed. Students worked on Genetics and Evolution in Science and Agriculture Science projects. Year twelve students had been working on practice exams before completing their external Maths and English examinations. The year ten students had watched the Baz Luhrmann film "Romeo + Juliet" to understand the elements of a Shakespearian tragedy. They also watched "Gnomeo and Juliet" to compare the different ways of telling the same story. They also learned about the evolution of the species in Science and how there are many examples of Darwin's theory in our natural world.

While year ten students started attending TAFE Trade Taster program at Acacia Ridge TAFE, and year 12 continued their QCE subjects as well as their TAFE courses. Congratulations Riley for securing an apprenticeship and Nick for securing a traineeship. Dylan has completed cert II Salon assistant and he is waiting for his apprenticeship at his work experience company.

The second semester will be very busy at ATAC, with more opportunities for practical experience in construction and agriculture/horticulture. The greenhouse project will include growing lots of native plants for commercial use, and an increase in our poultry stock for animal husbandry to complement our agricultural sciences.

It is a very rewarding experience for me working with our students and seeing them grow in confidence, skills and knowledge. It is a great privilege to assist these children to plan their future career and lives. Over time here at ATAC, students are seen to be growing into a responsible, confident and an independent young person with new skills. Thank you to all parents and guardians, for your continued support of your child's learning here at ATAC

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Business Development Manager

It is a great pleasure to see young people growing so quickly into a responsible and hard-working person. Some students are very helpful in assisting with bins, chooks, ducks and cleaning. Thank you very much. Parents are requested to pay their child's fee in the first week and the receipts will be sent via MYOB. If you have any questions, feel free to come into the office when you are dropping off or picking up your child.

ATAC programs provide alternative pathways with a customized plan to successfully complete his/her senior education. We help the child to fill the gaps and allow them to progress in their career choice. Our online courses FSK Cert II and Diploma in Business and Diploma in Leadership are open for enrolment at any time. Please contact ATAC for enrolment.

Born TO...

Everyone is born for a purpose

Many are born for a special purpose

Some are born to perform and endure

Some are born to serve and suffer

Some are born to impart knowledge

Some are born to inspire and motivate

Some are born to build and develop a nation

Some are born to harm and destroy

Some are born to greatness and excellence

Some are born to fight and survive

Some are born to serve humanity

Some are born to wound humanity

Some are born to solve problems

Some are born to cause problems

Some are born to see solutions to problems

Some are born to see problems to solutions

Some are born to live and succeed

Some are born to lose and die

The Lord has created beings for multifarious purposes

One has to discover the purpose for which one is born

Everyone is born for a purpose, a special purpose

What is your purpose?

by Mr. Bhagwanji Bhindi

Retired Linguistics Lecturer (Sydney)



ATAC Projects



Riley an apprentice and year 12 student completing his FSK units. Riley does heavy Automotive and works in the holidays while completing his year 12.



Sean, Nick, Tyler, and Aiden designing their Bali hut for the outdoor construction project.



“Where there is will, there is a way”. Teamwork and coordination while learning lifting techniques and safety. Good effort boys. Thank you.



Aiden and Tyler using hand saw to cut posts measured to the size. Testing their muscles for physical activity, perseverance, and mathematical skills to have their posts from the limited length of the tree.

Term II End BBQ



Nick (right) a trainee at ATAC with Riley, Dylan, and Kasey. Good teamwork and fun for most on the day.



Riley and Kasey doing the hard yards. Thanks Riley you made sure you did not make the sausages into pencils. Great effort in cleaning up after the BBQ. You enjoyed looking after everyone.



Natasha and Jason Roebig of Bee All-Natural meeting with Dr. Nand to organize the kids KRANK program at ATAC on Saturday 9th July 2022. The program is sponsored by Logan City Council and has attracted a lot of interest from parents of young children. For further information please check out Bee All-Natural Facebook page.



Daniel Springall (Parent) servicing ATAC air conditioners for free. Big thank you Dan from the ATAC Board, staff, and students. It would make a great difference to maintain temperatures in our classroom and admin building. Thanks for Keeping us warm.

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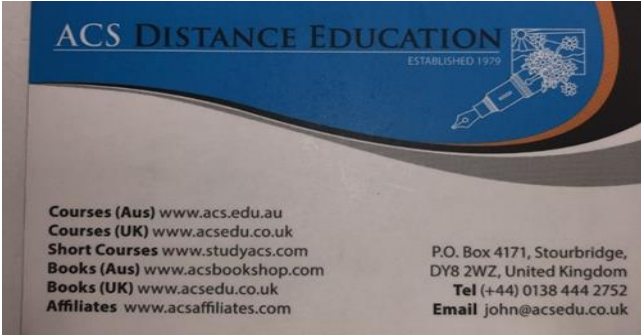
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