

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

Dr Narendra Nand



Principal's Message

It was heartwarming to have meetings with some parents taking interest and initiative to meet with us to discuss the progress of their children. The reports have been sent to all parents and we welcome other parents to discuss their children's performance, engagement, and the career pathways.

Year 10 students have lodged their applications for entry into TAFE in 2024 and some have started their Trade Taster program. Two year 11 students have also applied for courses in TAFE, and we are working with another on his apprenticeship. ATAC staff provides full support for the signing of agreements and parents are encouraged to contact us if they find any potential employer for their child.

Our unique pathway allows students to gain a Certificate II or III in a trade from TAFE or another RTO and receive four certificates including Certificate II Work for Skills & Vocational Pathways (FSK20119), Certificate II in Workplace Skills (BSB20120) as they complete year 12.

Students at ATAC begin their careers earlier than most people of their age and ATAC is proud to facilitate this great opportunity.

Infrastructure Development Plans

The multi-purpose shed is almost fully complete and has become a landmark facility for ongoing seminars, workshops, conferences, and events that could also generate some income for the college. Students get an opportunity to do some indoor sports and training. The shed also provides amenities, open learning spaces, and a commercial kitchen with the opportunity for future growth and development of our college.

After proudly hosting the first Australian Bushfoods Conference and the 8th Queensland Bushfoods Conference from 26-28th May 2023, ATAC is ready to host any future events at the college. A very big thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, and donors.

Community Engagement

Our TRIPOD model provides an opportunity for close partnerships between parents/ guardians, students, and the staff. There is deeper understanding, tolerance, resilience, and goodwill between us. ATAC provides a small and friendly environment with personal attention to each student's progress and career pathway. Honesty, hard work, responsibility, resilience, and respect are a priority and students engage to build self-confidence and self-esteem as they learn how to become good learners.

Logan City Council's KRANK School holiday Beekeeping program at ATAC on 2nd July 2023 has been a great success and it helps in education and training of very young children with their parents in bee keeping industry. Bee All Natural has

engaged with ATAC to provide opportunities to locals and young people in the beekeeping industry to support the growing industry and the conservation of our environment. Apart from honey, bees play a major role in the biodiversity of our flora and fauna species. Thank you, Natasha, and Jason Roebig, for working with ATAC for the past five years.

We also welcome local communities or individuals to join North Maclean Community Garden (NMCG) members to grow your own vegetables. As the weather improves, planting will start. Free water is provided via an irrigation system and hobby farmers are most welcome. ATAC also welcomes any volunteers with Blue Card to join the ATAC committee to assist us in supporting young people in learning life skills and achieving their career goals.

ATAC publishes its monthly newsletter and is made available to all parents/ guardians and our supporters via emails or on our website.



Natasha Roebig with her family at ATAC during the Logan City Council sponsored KRANK program.

Student Engagement

Positive attitude, tolerance, and perseverance are becoming increasingly important in building young peoples' minds. Project-based learning, work experience, and self-directed learning help to build personal skills and improve academic achievements. ATAC works closely with businesses, training organizations and parents/ guardians in empowering students with job-ready

skills and knowledge. Some businesses and self-employed trade companies provide hands-on experiences and training. ATAC facilitates in relevant skills training, obtaining their White Cards, finding work experience, and joining TAFE for career trades.

Acknowledgement

A big thanks to ATAC board members, parents and guardians who have been so supportive in assisting us with the infrastructure development, ATAC events and projects. A big thanks to our Chair, Irene Bayldon, Dharendra, Brahama, Daniel, Wanshika, Kaushik and past members for volunteering and providing their support. Thank you, Prof. Sarojni Choy, and your team for painting and Craig Butler for cleaning up the compound with Irene Bayldon. The Board sincerely appreciates the support of all businesses and parents who have assisted in providing any opportunity to our students towards completion of QCE and early entry into the workforce.

Gary Suthers

English, Humanities, Science and Agricultural Science Teacher

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child at ATAC. We are well into term three and all students are engaging in the learning resources that cover the curriculum for this term.

This term year 10 students are reading a novel "Two Wolves" by Tristan Banks.

As we read this novel the students are answering questions about each chapter (to check reading of the novel and the understanding of the plot structure, characters, and themes). The year eleven students are also looking at texts that are about human experiences and stories that inspire them. We have watched Apollo 13 and Catch Me if you Can. Apollo 13 was viewed to gain insight into teamwork, resilience and making decisions under pressure. Catch me if you can, we looked at intelligence, imagination and using your talents for positive or negative purposes.

For mathematics the year 10 students are learning about how to work out wage payment for normal hours and overtime, commission, and holiday pay. The Year 11 students are learning about travel, distance, timetables, and speed. Agricultural Studies will be all about poultry for all students, as we look to improving our poultry runs by building a larger fence and mobile coops. Also, we will be raising chicks to chickens for eggs as an agricultural business model to market and sell the eggs.

For Science we are looking at Physics, speed, friction, and energy and in History, it is about our part in the Vietnam War and the subsequent change in Australian immigration policy in the 1970's. 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.

Radhika Behal

Business Development Manager/Admin Officer

There are endless possibilities to build a good career with flexible learning pathways and work experience by building employability and job readiness skills. We have seen so many students successfully getting into apprenticeships and jobs while still completing their year 12 at ATAC.

New enrolments are open at any time in years 10 & 11. We assess each student literacy and numeracy skills and customize the learning to suit the need to enable new students to adapt to our unique model. With individualized adjustment to meet the academic requirements, every student can discuss and seek help to quickly catch up with missed tasks. If you are determined to brighten your career and need to complete your secondary education and meet the entry requirements, ATAC can assist you with a career path to complete Year 10 or 12 (QCE) so that you can join TAFE or get into an apprenticeship.

Please view our website for further information and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at:
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Mr. Bhagwanji Bhindi
Retired Linguistics Lecturer (Suva, Fiji)

Poem: Keep Moving Forward

*Keep moving forward in momentum
Keep going on and on without looking back
Look back to monitor the covered track*

*Assess the direction and the covered distance
Open new doors of opportunities that lie in front
Learn from the past experiences and abilities
Live to progress with hope and faith in the Lord*

*Dwelling on mistakes chew time and energies
Rectifying them and moving forward keeps balance
Release what cannot be fixed or repaired
Be strong enough to live without past dark shadows*

*Look inward, reach outward but move forward
Keep the forward momentum going and working
Forward movement into the untrodden waters
Make history finding unique personal strengths*

*Face forward with a positive mind leave remorse
Be grateful to the past happenings of learning
Technology is the teacher always progressing
Building from the previous linking to the present and future*

*Planning and preparing for the coming and unknown
Organizing and formulating for the invisible unseen
Spontaneous and natural changes will give lessons
Resisting changes means receding and withdrawing*

Moving back give rise to repeated sorrow and distress

How can forward steps eventuate looking backward?

Can forward steps be taken looking in the rearview mirror?

*Release and refuse to live in the old pain and grief
Use these energies to harness the divinely help*

Reality is the way to accept the flow of natural events

Time is moving forward to guide the sacred path

Challenges stare but push them forward with courage

Hope is the forward-looking key to the future locks



Jason (Left) and Natasha Roebig owners of Bee All Natural proudly working closely with ATAC to building Beekeeping training programs. They have conducted school holiday KRANK programs at ATAC and are preparing to provide workshops and training courses soon. For any information please contact:

bees@atac.qld.edu.au or nnand@atac.qld.edu.au



Mr. Mul Chand the owner of Compressor Technology Queensland with Dr. N Nand at the college for a meeting with a student and his mum for a potential apprenticeship.



Phil of Arakan Martial Arts providing instructions for mental and physical support during HPE session every Wednesday.



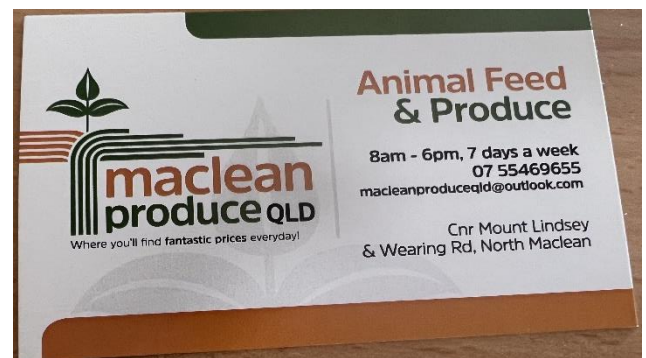
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