



Follow Your Passion

“Passion is one great force that unleashes creativity, because if you’re passionate about something, then you’re more willing to take learning risks.”

Yo-Yo Ma

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Overview

Follow Your Passion is a program where students select from a range of electives in areas of interest. Underpinned by the school's four pillars of Academics, Sports, Arts and Community, students can connect with teachers in real-world learning experiences based on shared passion.

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Structure

The program will operate on Wednesday afternoons in Period 4 for all students in Year 7-12 in conjunction with Interschool sport.

Students are able to choose from a selection of year long electives or 2 x Semester long electives.

School Year Book

All students are invited to take part in the creation of the BPSHS Year Book for 2019. This book will be an overview of all the events, successes and experiences the students and teachers of Browns Plains State High School experience throughout the year. At the closing of 2019, every student will have the opportunity to purchase the book to keep wonderful memories alive.

- Year 7 to 12
- Year long elective

Unravelling the World of Witchcraft and Wizardry

Through *Harry Potter* books, students will explore J.K. Rowling's novels and films to interpret deeper meanings and to learn about the human condition. Students will analyse and construct their own narrative and will engage in many other learning experiences that will teach them how to identify, describe and explain perspectives, attitudes, values, beliefs and ideology within texts.

- Year 7 to 12
- Year long elective

Write On Writing Group

This program will allow students to experience the writing and publishing of a short story collection to ensure they are informed writers. They will develop strategies to improve their own writing and editing abilities, which will transfer across to their schoolwork and everyday life.

- Year 7 to 12
- Year long elective

A STEM approach: Coding and Robotics

Students will create a robotic arm using generic electrical components, controlled by an Arduino (programmable logic controller) board. Students will be introduced to the coding of this system, which is used in applications worldwide, to program the robotic arm to perform specific tasks.

- Year 7 to 12
- Semester long elective

Drive the change you wish to see in the world!

The ability to see things from another person's perspective and sympathise with another's emotions plays an important role in our social lives. The underlying goal of this project is to develop empathy in students by inviting them to become involved in situations in which they are able to show compassion and provide support and solutions for people or communities in need.

- Year 7 to 12
- Semester long elective

Bee Club

This project will enable students to learn more about bees through the construction of native bee hives. Student who are involved in this endeavour will help both our native bee habitat and the environment as a whole by providing shelter that is under constant threat with pesticides and land clearing. It will also help pollinate the school garden and local area.

- Year 7 to 12
- Semester long elective

Drumline

BA-dum-Chishhhh! So, you want to play the drums? Students will learn how to read drum specific music and be assigned to play a range of percussion instruments including the snare drum, bass drum, tenor drum (quads) and cymbals. Drumline promotes teamwork, dedication, hard work, support and respect for everyone involved. Students will perform a variety of rhythmical grooves together and most importantly, it's fun!

- Year 7 to 12
- Semester long elective

Fishkeeping Club

Students can develop an interest in the hobby of fishkeeping whilst engaging in the scientific disciplines of biology, physiology, ecology, and chemistry. In addition, they will gain the hands-on skills and responsibilities required for tank preparation and maintenance.

- Year 7 to 12
- Semester long elective

Indonesian Artefact and Mask Making

Students are introduced to inter-cultural understandings in Indonesian cultural performances. They will examine traditional mask making and the role of masks in performance and visual arts as well as other cultural artefacts.

- Year 7 to 12
- Semester long elective

Peer Mentoring Program

This elective is designed to train students to be peer mentors. They will develop and demonstrate qualities that would be suitable to those required of a leadership role within the school community. Skills that students will develop through the program include: a strong school spirit; good organisational skills; a supportive, caring and fair attitude; respect towards all members of the school community; and, being responsible and a good role model.

- Year 7 to 12
- Semester long elective

Pop and Rock Music School

This elective will appeal to students who are interested in developing music knowledge, skills and techniques in the pop and rock music genres. The elective caters for all ages, and functions in ability and interest groups. As skills develop performance groups will be encouraged and supported by the teacher.

- Year 7 to 12
- Semester long elective

The Art Hub

The Art Hub will endeavour to build upon basic art skills and allow students who have a passion for the creative art/s to develop further in their art skills and studies. This group of students will assist in the generating of large sculptural artworks, murals and individually based works for school display (Art Splat). Those senior students who are already involved in the creative arts may use this time to further develop their assessment folios.

- Year 7 to 12
- Semester long elective

The Family History Mystery

Discover the family you've never met by tracing your ancestry and building a family tree. This elective engages students with the mystery and wonderment of history through connecting history directly to the student through family research.

- Year 7 to 12
- Semester long elective

Theatre Sports

Theatre Sports teaches students improvisational skills whilst working with others in a safe and supportive environment. Students will be engaged in 'games' where they must create a scene out of a 'theme' or 'idea' given to them a few seconds beforehand. Students will further develop their acting skills by also being involved in creating a short play.

- Year 7 to 12
- Semester long elective

Year 7|8|9 Mathematics Club

This elective will help students develop a love of Mathematics in an interesting format which will challenge students and increase their higher order thinking skills. Students will be introduced to a selection of Mathematical skills including problem solving, use of ICT in Mathematics as well as preparing and participating in Mathematic competitions.

- Year 7
- Semester long elective

Mathematics... The Need to Succeed

Each week students will engage in additional work to develop their thinking and reasoning skills. The challenge for them will be to apply their knowledge and understanding to practical situations which make up the higher order thinking required to excel in Mathematics.

- Year 10
- Semester long elective

Mini Entrepreneurs

Students will have the 'hands on' experience of running a real business. The business will be selected from a range of ideas the students develop based on the logistics of their ideas. Students will then source the materials, create the products, advertise their products and then sell them.

- Year 7 to 9
- Semester long elective

Science Club

The Science Club will give students the opportunity to explore interests in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics across a range of subjects and activities. This will be an interesting elective where Science theory meets practice.

- Year 7 to 9
- Semester long elective

I Heart Literature

I Heart Literature is designed to allow students to engage with and explore their favourite types of texts; this can range from poems and songs to novels and plays to images and the big screen.

- Year 9 to 12
- Semester long elective

Gym Fitness

The program is designed to teach students the importance and application of fitness as well as basic operations of gym equipment. Each student will work on their own individual work out program that will include a pre-fitness session, warm up activities, a gym session, cardio and cool downs. They will learn about basic dietary requirements for a successful work out.

- Year 10 to 12
- Semester long elective

Happy, Healthy You

This program aims to teach students simple cooking techniques to create healthy meals on a relatively low budget.

- Year 10 to 12
- Semester long elective

Stress Less

This program promotes mental health and raises awareness of well-being. Students will learn necessary skills and strategies to become more mindful, to help reduce stress and anxiety levels.

- Year 10 to 12
- Semester long elective

That Swing Thing

In this elective, lessons will focus on dance styles from the 'swing' era (the 1920s – 1940s). Dance styles from this era include: *Lindy Hop*, *6-beat*, *Charleston*, *Balboa*, *Blues*, and *Solo Jazz*. Students will learn a variety of swing dance skills, and then apply these to both choreographed routines, and to partnered swing dancing.

- Year 10 to 12
- Semester long elective

Senior Mathematics Support

This elective is an extension and support program for students in General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics. Teachers will work with Maths B and Maths C students to improve their skills and to achieve higher outcomes.

- Year 11 to 12
- Semester long elective

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Other information:

- No costs are involved
- Notepad and writing equipment will be required
- Planning to commence in Week 3, Term 1
- New timetables will be issued with your confirmed FYP selection and classroom on Tuesday of Week 3

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Example Selection Template

Name:..... Form Class:.....

Instructions:

1. Write your name and form class in the spaces provided above.
2. Be aware that you are choosing your elective options for the entire year. Electives are either a year or a semester in duration.
3. In the column marked 'Year Level', identify subjects you are not able to choose and draw a line through any that you cannot apply for. (Your teacher will display this document on the data projector to guide you in this process).
4. Look closely at whether the elective runs for a year or for a semester. If you choose semester long electives, you will not repeat the same elective in Semester 2.
5. You need to choose 4 elective options as classes containing low numbers of students will not go ahead.
6. Number your preferences from 1 to 4 in the column on the right hand side of the page. (1 represents your favourite elective, 2 represents your next favourite elective and so on.)
7. You must hand this completed form to your teacher.

Follow Your Passion options	Year Levels	Duration	Number your preferences 1 – 4.
School Year Book	All	Year	3
Unravelling the World of Witchcraft and Wizardry (Harry Potter Book Club)	All	Year	
Write On Writing Group	All	Year	
A STEM approach: Coding and robotics	All	Semester	
Be the change you wish to see in the world!	All	Semester	
Bee Club	All	Semester	1
Drumline	All	Semester	
Fishkeeping Club	All	Semester	
Indonesian Artefact and Mask Making	All	Semester	
Peer Mentoring Program	All	Semester	
Pop and Rock Music School	All	Semester	4
The Art Hub	All	Semester	
The Family History Mystery	All	Semester	
Theatre Sports	All	Semester	
Year 7 Mathematics Club	7	Semester	
Year 8 Mathematics Club	8	Semester	
Year 9 Mathematics Club	9	Semester	
Mathematics... The Need to Succeed	10	Semester	
Mini Entrepreneurs	7 to 9	Semester	2
Science Club	7 to 9	Semester	
I Heart Literature	9 to 12	Semester	
Gym Fitness	10 to 12	Semester	
Happy, Healthy You	10 to 12	Semester	
Stress Less	10 to 12	Semester	
That Swing Thing	10 to 12	Semester	
Senior Mathematics Support	11 and 12	Semester	

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