

Twitter Information Sheet

If you find the concept of Twitter is like a big dark cave and you'd like some light before venturing in... then this is where you might find a glimmer of light.



Think of Twitter as the big electronic signboard at the school's front entrance. When driving up to the school, you snatch a quick read and carry on with your day. The messages display a little snapshot of what's happening, such as "free-dress day", "last day for Book Fair", or "assembly cancelled due to weather".

With a Twitter 'electronic signboard' the messages are called "tweets" and you can check them out anytime, anywhere. Instantly.

But what if I'm not a Twitter user?

That's okay. You don't need to be. There is no need to sign up to Twitter to read the tweets posted by Samford State School. The most recent tweets are sitting on Samford State School's homepage.

Could I get the Samford State School's tweets sent to me instead of going to the website?

Sure can. It's a great way to get the information straight to your inbox. For this service, you'll need to sign up to [Twitter](#).



What kind of tweets will the school send?

- Weather conditions affecting normal school activities
- Changes to planned activities and programs
- Updates on the school's outstanding performances at interschool events
- Reminders to drive safely during enforcement of speed limits
- Reminders about significant school events, such as:
 - Parent Information Evenings
 - musical performances,
 - P&C meetings
 - sports carnivals
 - free-dress days
 - Book Fair / library events
 - Mother's day/Father's day stalls
 - festival ticket sales / donation programs for stalls
 - Under 8's day



And many, many more... you get the idea!


Okay, I might [sign up with Twitter](#)... any hints?

Yep. If you're likely to find it a daunting experience the information below will shed some light.

1. Once you are past the initial [sign up page](#), the first thing you'll be asked to do is to "Follow people". In the search box type: **SamfordSS** – and there we are! Click on "Follow" and we are connected. Simple.
2. Now you'll need to follow another 4 people, and then another 5. If this irritates you, keep reading and you'll see how to get around it. In the meantime, 'people' such as Nine News QLD, Moreton Bay Events, Queensland Police /

Health / Education / sports teams, etc. are some suggestions you might want to try if Lady Gaga or Kevin Rudd doesn't float your boat!

3. Once 10 people are 'followed', Twitter will say... " *now try 5 more*"... if you scroll down to the bottom of the screen, there is a greyed-out "[Skip >>](#)" – click there. Follow the rest of the prompts, remembering to look for the "[Skip >>](#)" option if you don't want to participate.
4. Follow the confirmation process.
5. If you'd like to 'unfollow' some or all of those people you had to follow during the registration process - go to the  icon at the top of the page, look in [Following >](#) . Next to the 'people' you'd like to un-follow, click on their  icon.

You could unfollow everyone, except Samford State School of course, if that is what you prefer. Also, remember to click on the gear icon  at the top right of the screen and look closer at your Settings. Configure them to how it best suits you.

Can I get the tweets sent to my phone?

Yes – perfect for when internet access isn't at your fingertips. Once you have a twitter account, you can register for the SMS service. Read more about [Twitter via SMS](#). You can even set timeframes for when messages are received – no little "bings" at unsocial hours.

Apart from receiving school tweets via SMS , smart phones can utilize the Twitter app and have tweets 'pushed' to your phone. Read more about [Twitter via the iPhone](#). Android phones also receive tweets. Read more about [Notifications to Android](#) phones.

Samford School has adopted Twitter as a means to deliver information to parents in real-time. It is hoped this information sheet was somewhat enlightening and that the Twitter service will be of benefit to your family at our school.

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