

28 February 2024

Good afternoon,

We're powering ahead to make the Lilydale Line level crossing free and getting rid of more boom gates on the Belgrave Line in 2024, a year ahead of schedule.

Earlier this year, we wrote to you about buses replacing trains on sections of the Belgrave and Lilydale lines that started in late-January.

We are now writing to provide you with more detailed information to help you plan your travel.

Students, parents, and school staff will need to plan ahead and allow extra travel time while these works take place.

Buses replace trains on the Belgrave and Lilydale lines

Buses replace trains on sections of the Belgrave and Lilydale lines until **late March**. This includes:

Buses replace trains between	When
Ringwood and Bayswater	First service Monday 5 February to 8.30pm Thursday 14 March
Ringwood, Bayswater, and Lilydale	8.30pm to last service each night, Sunday 3 March to Thursday 7 March
	8.30pm to last service, Wednesday 13 March
Ringwood and Belgrave	8.30pm Thursday 14 March to 9pm Tuesday 19 March
Blackburn, Belgrave, and Lilydale	8.30pm Tuesday 19 March to late March

Stay up to date with all your Belgrave, Lilydale, and Alamein lines disruptions by visiting ptv.vic.gov.au/disruptions/bel-lil-alm.

Pedestrian level crossing impacts

To complete works, there are pedestrian access changes in place at Bedford Road, Ringwood and Dublin Road, Ringwood East. [Click here](#) to view the changes.

Changes to PTV services

There are changes to PTV 679 and 380 bus stops and services near Bedford Road, Ringwood and Dublin Road, Ringwood East. [Click here](#) to view changes to your PTV services.

Works in the area

While trains are not running, we will work day and night shifts to complete:

- Piling works to build the foundations of the bridge
- Excavation works
- Signalling works
- Remove existing track, install new track and maintenance access pathways
- Road demolition, asphaltting, line marking and reinstatement works
- Permanent and temporary barrier installations
- Continuation of tree trimming and removal along sections of the rail corridor
- Relocation and installation of utility services
- Non-destructive digging and geotechnical investigations.

Helping students navigate disruptions

We know how important it is for your school to navigate these works and there are several ways we'll help students, parents/guardians and staff get to and from school safely, including:

- Providing detour maps on our website
- Clear, signed pedestrian pathways around construction zones
- Traffic management crews on site to safely direct traffic and monitor congestion
- School updates, such as this email, to provide information that can be used in school communication channels to parents and guardians
- Opportunities for students to get involved in the project through learning activities and career talks
- Clear, advanced notice of disruptions online, via email and SMS, and in local letterboxes.

We're also available to hold meetings with parents/guardians at schools to go through these disruptions in more detail.

More information

Please find enclosed a brochure regarding the train replacement bus services and changes around the Bedford Road, Ringwood area. We recommend you include this information in your school communication channels to inform students, parents, and staff.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact the Level Crossing Removal Project on **1800 105 105** or via email at contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au.

For regular information about the progress of this project, sign up for email updates. You can also sign up for SMS alerts by texting **'Ringwood'** to **0423 387 902**.

Yours sincerely,

Ringwood Level Crossing Removal Project Team

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