

Works Notice

July 2026

Signalling system testing and training

We're building a better rail network for South East Queensland, but that means temporary changes to some evening and weekend services on the Shorncliffe line throughout 2026.

Overview

Ongoing testing of the new European Train Control System (ETCS) and the training of Queensland Rail staff is taking place along the Shorncliffe line.

To carry out these activities safely and efficiently, we need to temporarily close sections of track, as this work can't be completed while normal services are running.

During testing and training, you may see trains travelling and stopping between Bindha and Sandgate - although these trains are not in service.

Upcoming closures

Introducing a new digital signalling system on an operating rail network is a complex process.

While we aim to provide as much notice and information as possible, the following schedule may change due to the nature of the project.

Every effort will be made to carry out these works as planned but due to ongoing union Protected Industrial Action by Queensland Rail staff, there may be changes to these arrangements. Any changes will be communicated to customers with as much notice as possible

We encourage you to plan ahead by downloading the Translink app, visiting translink.com.au or calling 13 12 30.

Evening track closures

Railbus R348 will replace trains between Northgate and Sandgate stations from 7:45pm to last service, each evening:

- Monday 20 to Thursday 23 July
- Monday 27 July (QR Maintenance)
- Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 July

Weekend track closures

Railbus R348 will replace trains between Northgate and Sandgate stations:

- Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 July
- Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July
- Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July
- Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 July (QR Maintenance)
- Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 August

What to expect if you live near the rail corridor

- Noise associated with testing (traffic control set-up and pack down, train movements, horns, light vehicles and personnel)
- Additional vehicle movements including railbus operations.

For these upcoming closures, traffic control will be in place at Adams Street, Kennerley Street, Curlew Street and Palm Avenue level crossings and at the Nudgee Pedestrian Crossing (city side of Nudgee station).

Ongoing testing and training

To support continued testing and training of ETCS, further closures will continue on the Shorncliffe line throughout 2026.

We will continue to keep the community updated ahead of planned testing and training activities. Detailed information about transport changes on the Shorncliffe line and alternative transport options will be provided in advance of each testing period.

ETCS plays an important part in the future of our network, delivering increased safety, capacity, efficiency, and reliability for a sustainable transport network. We understand track closures are an inconvenience.

Thank you for your patience as we undertake these critical works.

For more information about ETCS on the Shorncliffe line



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