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'Graffiti boy' struck by suburban train

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A 13-YEAR-old youth is in a serious condition at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital after he was struck by a suburban train during an alleged graffiti attack.

Paramedics were called to Glenbervie railway station in Essendon shortly after 5pm (AEDT) to treat the boy, who suffered upper body injuries in the accident.

Police said a train driver saw the boy and a friend, 17, jumping between carriages on a stationary train at the station, and alerted inspectors.

It's believed the boys were tagging the train, Victoria Police spokeswoman Senior Constable Alison Noonan said.

"The inspectors asked the boys to return to the platform. However one jumped on to the tracks and ran off while the other jumped off the train, on to the tracks and was struck by an oncoming southbound train," she said.

Mr Rowe said the injured boy was found between the trains.

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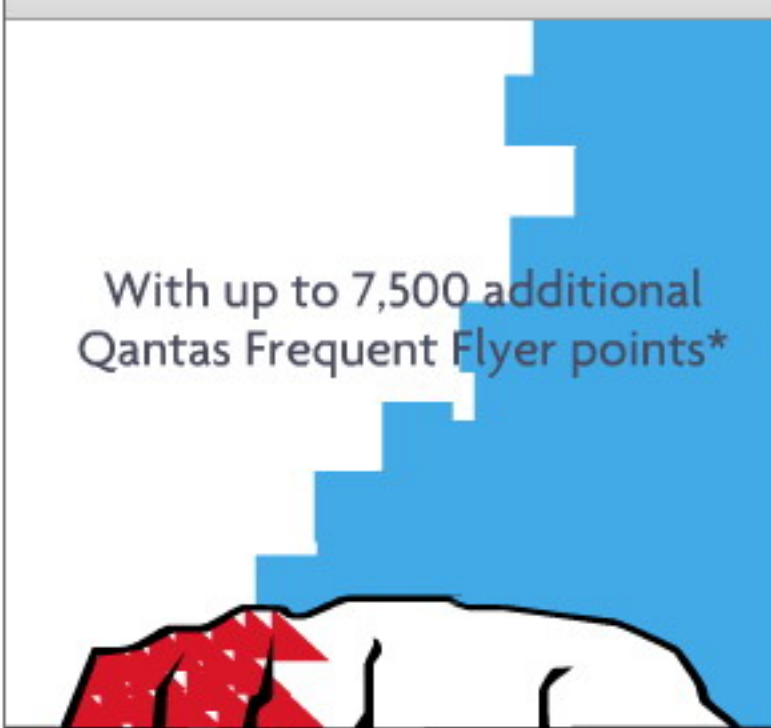
He was placed on a spinal board and carried out by paramedics and firefighters.



Police have since spoken to the 17-year-old boy.

Trains on the Craigieburn line were stopped in both directions as fire rescue and ambulance crews worked to remove the injured boy.

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