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## CAMERAS ROLL ON NOWHERE BOYS SEASON FOUR

Production is underway on the fourth season of the Emmy® award-winning series *Nowhere Boys*.

Currently filming in and around Melbourne, the 13 x 30 min supernatural action, adventure series will premiere later this year on ABC ME and the ABC ME app.

This year, the gang return from a summer of magical training more powerful than ever – and with a new member. But the New Year brings new threats, when a series of elemental attacks hit Bremin. The gang fear their powers are the cause of the trouble as dark, chaotic forces descend, challenging the gang's unity as they battle to save the entire multiverse.

The *Nowhere Boys* must balance their personal lives with their magical obligations. Growing up is hard enough without having to rescue the multiverse as well, as the gang search for their place in the world. What will they sacrifice for each other?

Returning cast Kamil Ellis (Luke), Joe Klocek (Heath), William McKenna (Ben), Jordie Race-Coldrey (Jesse), and Luca Sardelis (Nicco) are joined this season by musician Joel Ma (aka Joelistics) in his TV debut as Zeb and Elaine Crombie (*Top Of The Lake, Black Comedy*) as Brianna. This season also sees a special return from one of the original *Nowhere Boys*. But, you'll just have to wait to see who might be back in Bremin...

Behind the camera, Nick Verso (*Boys in the Trees, Grace Beside Me*) and Sian Davies (*Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, House Husbands*) return to direct, alongside Catriona McKenzie (*Harrow, The Warriors*) and Goran Stolevski, whose short film *Would You Look at Her* just won in competition at Sundance Film Festival 2018, will make his TV directorial debut. The *Nowhere Boys* story has been crafted by some of Australia's top writers – many of whom are returning to the world of *Nowhere Boys* again – including David Hannam, Jessica Brookman, Marieke Hardy, Beth King and Craig Irvin.

Michael Carrington, Head of ABC Children's Television, said: "*Nowhere Boys* has been a huge hit with the ABC ME audience since its premiere in 2012 and we're thrilled to be working with Matchbox Pictures again to offer fans another instalment of this outstanding action-packed series. The announcement of one of the original *Nowhere Boys* returning for this series will add to fans excitement and anticipation."

Series Producer, Beth Frey, said: "We are so thrilled to get the *Nowhere Boys* back together and start filming in locations across Melbourne. This season the stakes are higher than ever - more mystery, action, fun, adventure with loads of stunts and special effects. I really think the fans will love the direction as we push deeper into the mythology and origins of magic in Bremin."

Since launching in 2012 *Nowhere Boys* has proven to be a critical and commercial hit, both in Australia and internationally. The show has won 18 International Awards with a further 23 nominations including winning an International Emmy® Award, two TV Week Logie Awards, an AACTA Award, three Kidscreen Awards and two BAFTA Nominations amongst others. The show has now been sold into 180 territories worldwide and launched international careers for the young cast.



Screen Australia Investment Manager, Shana Levine, said: “We’re thrilled to again support the production of *Nowhere Boys*, which has become one of Australia’s most beloved children’s titles. It’s imperative that Australians can hear their own voices and see their own stories on screen, no matter what age they are, and we congratulate the ABC in not only commissioning season four but making the series available on multiple devices to meet the demands of this teenage audience.”

Film Victoria CEO, Caroline Pitcher, said: “We’re delighted to support the return of *Nowhere Boys*, a firm favourite with Australian audiences that has showcased locally-made young adult content to the world. Not only will the Melbourne-made production deliver a significant boost to the state’s economy, providing employment for more than 300 Victorians, it includes important skills development opportunities for four early-mid career practitioners, via Film Victoria’s Placement and Attachment programs.”

**Production credits:** Produced by Matchbox Pictures; Producer Beth Frey, Executive Producers Tony Ayres and Michael McMahon. Major investment from the ABC, Screen Australia and state investment from Film Victoria. ABC are distributing in Australia and New Zealand while NBCUniversal International Distribution will distribute the series in all other territories.

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