

ABC ME's Nowhere Boys wins big at BAFTAs

ABC ME series *Nowhere Boys: Two Moons Rising* has bagged a British Academy Children's Award celebrating the world's best programs for young audiences.

The <u>third series of the teen drama</u> was named the winner of the 2018 BAFTA Award for International Live Action at a ceremony in London on 25 November, ahead of programs from the Disney Channel, Nickelodeon and CBBC.

It was the second BAFTA Award nomination for the sci-fi program, the third series of which follows teenagers who find themselves trapped in a totally empty parallel world. In 2016, the program also <u>won the International Emmy Kids Award for a Series</u>.

Nowhere Boys is a Matchbox Pictures production for the ABC, with the support of Screen Australia and Film Victoria. The fourth and final series will be broadcast on ABC ME from next Monday, 3 December.

ABC Children's Head Libbie Doherty said: "Congratulations to the team behind *Nowhere Boys* for bringing complex and gripping Australian teen drama to the world stage.

"Nowhere Boys has a loyal and dedicated following around the world and has launched the careers of some hugely-talented Australian actors. We are proud to work with Matchbox Pictures on this enduring children's franchise that continutes to win awards on the international stage."

ABC ME received three nominations for the 2018 BAFTA Awards, with underwater adventure <u>The Deep</u> in the running for International Animation Award and enhanced acquisition <u>So Awkward</u> nominated for Best Comedy program.

The BAFTA Award for *Nowhere Boys* follows a golden run of recognition for ABC Children's programs. In October, the short film *First Day* won the inaugural prize for <u>outstanding children's programming</u> across all genres at the MIPCOM Diversify TV Excellence Awards, while *Mustangs FC* and *Secret Life of Boys* each received <u>International Emmy Kids Awards nominations</u>.

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