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ABC drama series Barracuda swims for gold

Premieres Sunday 10 July at 8:40pm on ABC

ABC TV is thrilled to announce the new 4 part drama series, *Barracuda*, will air on Sunday nights leading up to the 2016 Rio Olympics, with the entire series available to binge watch on iview after episode 1 premieres.

Melbourne 1996. The Golden Age of Australian swimming is beginning and a scholarship to an exclusive boys school brings 16-year-old Danny Kelly one step closer to his ultimate goal - winning Olympic gold.

Initially, Danny struggles to find his place in the prestigious social circles of the private boys school. However under the charge of highly regarded coach Frank Torma and a friendship/rivalry with teammate Martin Taylor, Danny is soon on track to become Australia's youngest swimming champion, the unstoppable '*Barracuda'*.

Soon, everyone has a stake in Danny's success and as he swims closer towards gold, he finds himself being drawn into a world where the only thing that matters is winning. When he gets his shot at victory, with all of Australia watching - can the *'Barracuda'* live up to everyone's expectations and realise his dream?

Based on award-winning novelist Christos Tsiolkas' book and adapted for television in four parts, *Barracuda* is a moving story about identity, obsession, desire, the dizzy heights of success and the terrifying risk of failure.

Starring Rachel Griffiths and Matt Nable and introducing Elias Anton as Danny Kelly.

Various cast and creatives available for interviews.

Episode 2 airs Sunday 17 July at 8:30pm on ABC
Episode 3 airs Sunday 24 July at 8:30pm on ABC
Episode 4 airs Sunday 31 July at 8:30pm on ABC

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Production Credit: The ABC and Screen Australia present in association with Film Victoria a Matchbox Pictures production. Producers: Tony Ayres and Amanda Higgs. Associate Producer: Christos Tsiolkas. Writers Blake Ayshford and Belinda Chayko. Directed by Robert Connolly. ABC Executive Producers: Carole Sklan and Brett Sleigh.

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