



## ABC Children's scores Emmy nominations

The ABC has scored a brace of nominations for International Emmy Kids Awards with *Mustangs FC* and *Secret Life Of Boys* in line for one of the world's pre-eminent prizes for excellence in children's programming.

This week's announcement by the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences recognises outstanding children's programs across 13 countries – with the ABC receiving the only nominations from Australia.

ABC ME's *Mustangs FC*, a goal-kicking comedy-drama about an all-girls soccer team, received an International Emmys nomination for Best Kids Series. The second series of ABC ME's [Secret Life Of Boys](#), about an Australian girl's adventures in England, was nominated in the Best Kids Digital category.

*Mustangs FC*, the second series of which is in production, is produced by Matchbox Pictures for ABC ME, with the support of Screen Australia and Film Victoria. *Secret Life of Boys* is a Zodiak Kids production for ABC ME and Britain's CBBC.

ABC Children's Head Libbie Doherty said: "ABC ME leads the way in telling engaging stories that reflect the true diversity and colour of the world in which children live. The spectacular work for tweens in *Mustangs FC* and *Secret Life Of Boys* exemplifies our dedication to programs that entertain, surprise and challenge younger audiences.

"We are thrilled to receive two International Emmy Kids Awards nominations and thank everyone involved in bringing these distinctive programs to screen, across the ABC, Matchbox Pictures, Zodiak Kids and CBBC."

Bruce Paisner, President & CEO of the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, said: "The geographic spread and wealth of topics addressed in this year's nominated programs attests to the vibrancy and quality of children's television throughout the world. We congratulate the nominees for their outstanding talent and for setting a high bar for young viewers worldwide."

The winners of the awards will be announced on 9 April 2019.

The nominations came as ABC ME film [First Day](#) won the inaugural prize for outstanding children's programming across all genres at the MIPCOM Diversify TV Excellence Awards, for promoting acceptance of children who are transitioning.

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