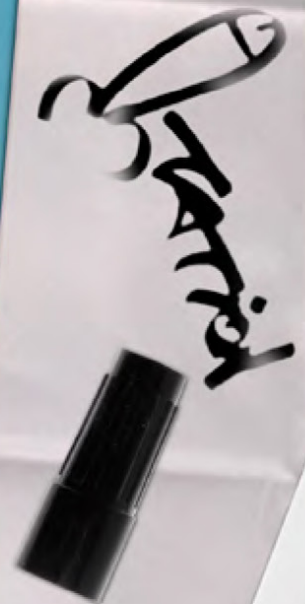


JONAH FROM TONGA



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ABOUT JONAH FROM TONGA

Jonah From Tonga takes us on an adventurous journey into the life of 14-year-old rebellious schoolboy Jonah Takalua, his family, friends and the crew of teachers and counsellors who are exhaustively trying to help him channel his seemingly limitless energy into bigger and brighter things.

When we last caught up with Jonah he was expelled from Summer Heights High – causing his father Rocky to banish him to his native Tonga to teach him a hard life lesson. After serving his time in the kingdom, his father and aunty decide to start a brand new life for the boy with ‘magical eyes’ at Holy Cross, a Catholic high school in Sydney’s western suburbs.

Jonah might be in a brand new school but he’s quick to mark his familiar territory and establishes a gang of like-minded kids who are friendly with all – except The Rangas. Under the watchful eye of his teachers and the school’s youth worker, Jonah finds it harder to rebel, but he is never one to shy away from a challenge.

It’s not long until he’s up to his old tricks and the Tongan troublemaker once again finds himself in plenty of hot water. With stacks of fights, frenemies, breakdancing and law-breaking, *Jonah From Tonga* is definitely one big wild ride.

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ABOUT JONAH

The first time we were introduced to Jonah Takalua, his wild ways, love of graffiti and seemingly disrespectful attitude towards teachers and adults shocked many – but he soon conquered hearts as the loveable and unruly schoolboy who just wants attention.

In *Summer Heights High* we met Jonah, a teenage boy who had a constant bone to pick with rangas, teachers and pretty much anyone in the general vicinity. Flanked by his fellow Islander friends, it was safety in numbers as he found himself constantly in trouble, much to the anger of his single father Rocky. Rocky was left a widower after his wife died when Jonah was only seven years old.

After finding himself on the wrong side of the law far too many times, Jonah was expelled from school and sent back to Tonga by his father who wanted to teach him the respect he sorely needed to learn.

Now 14, Jonah hasn't changed too much. He still has a love for graffiti (practising a new signature tag), for breakdancing, and for his family, especially his brother Moses. When he's not busy defacing property with markers, he can usually be found telling bad dick jokes to anyone willing to listen.



THE RANGAS — JONAH AND THE FOBBA-LISCIOUS BOYS' ARCH ENEMIES



ROCKY TAKALUA, JONAH'S DAD



KOOL KRIS, YOUTH WORKER (HOLY CROSS)



MOSES, JONAH'S BROTHER



FOBBA-LISCIOUS, JONAH'S NEW GROUP OF FRIENDS



MR JOSEPH, MANAGER OF LAZARUS HOUSE (HOLY CROSS)

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EPISODE ONE

Banished to Tonga to live with his uncle after misbehaviour at school, 14-year-old Jonah is causing more trouble than ever. His father Rocky and Aunty Grace take him back to Sydney to start a new life at a Catholic high school.

Six weeks later and Jonah is the leader of his new Year 9 gang 'Fobba-liscious', who defend their turf against their enemies 'The Rangas', and Jonah's arch nemesis, Graydon, the school captain. The boys attend classes at Lazarus House which has a vocational-based program for students with learning difficulties run by Mr Joseph, who uses violence and unorthodox methods to control the class. Jonah and Fobba-liscious allegedly dominate the school as they partake in breakdancing, graffiti and flirting with teachers. After school, Jonah reveals he's been in trouble with the law and loiters with local Polynesian gang 'The Soldierz'. But at home, despite the loss of his mother at a young age, Jonah's supportive family believe his future looks bright.



EPISODE TWO

Jonah and the Fobba-liscious boys are forced to meet with new youth worker Kool Kris after being caught making bullying videos for YouTube. When Jonah is made fun of by school captain Graydon at a breakdancing demo, he plots to take revenge on Graydon's locker with the help of the school welding equipment. When Graydon's Year 7 brother Kyton picks on Moses, Jonah defends him by gathering all the Year 7 rangas together and attempting to make the ultimate bullying video.

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EPISODE THREE

While grounded, Jonah and the Fobba-liscious boys escape through a window and go bowling. Jonah manages to get his cousin Melody to agree to be papier-mâché for an art assignment. The Fobba-liscious boys hide from Kool Kris to avoid counselling and Jonah seeks refuge with Sister Monica by pretending to be sick. The eventual Kool Kris counselling session leads to the boys enthusiastically taking part in the Feel Da Beat competition and writing a song called 'Don't Be A Bully'. George from The Soldierz makes Jonah and Moses do something brave then rewards them with a traditional Tongan machete.





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ABOUT CHRIS LILLEY

WRITER / ACTOR / DIRECTOR

As a writer, performer, producer, director and composer, Chris Lilley is one of Australia's most prolific artists and the creator of four critically acclaimed television series.

Chris' most recent series, *Ja'mie: Private School Girl* aired in late 2013 and early 2014 on the ABC, BBC and HBO. The series has received nominations for Most Popular Light Entertainment Program, Most Outstanding Actor and Most Popular Actor at the 2014 Logie Awards.

Chris' highly anticipated third series, *Angry Boys*, premiered in 2011 on the ABC in Australia, the BBC in the UK and on HBO in the US. The official *Angry Boys* soundtrack hit record numbers making it the most successful pre-order digital release by ABC Music.

Chris' series, *Summer Heights High*, was one of the highest-rated series of 2007 and became the biggest-selling TV series of all time in Australia. Chris was awarded AFI Awards for Best Comedy Series, Best Performance in a Television Comedy and the Byron Kennedy Award for *Summer Heights High*. Chris wrote much of the music for *Summer Heights High* and released the single *Naughty Girl*, which became one of the highest-selling Top Ten singles of 2008.

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In 2005, Chris received international acclaim for his portrayal of five nominees in the ABC comedy *We Can Be Heroes: Finding the Australian of the Year*. Creating and writing the series, Chris won the international Rose d'Or Award for Best Male Comedy Performance as well as Logie Awards for Most Outstanding New Talent and Best Comedy Series and the NSW Premiers Literary Award for Best Script Writing. The series also received nominations for four AFI awards, including Best Comedy Series, Best Screenplay for Television and Best Lead Male Actor.

Chris began his career as a stand-up comedian and voiceover artist. He expanded to television and gained a cult following for his characters 'Extreme Darren' and 'Mr. G' in the sketch comedy series *Big Bite* and *Hamish and Andy* on the Seven Network.



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LAURA WATERS

PRODUCER, PRINCESS PICTURES

Laura Waters started Princess Pictures in 2003, driven by a vision to support unique creative ideas and people, pushing audiences to see the world in new ways. In the past decade she has produced all four of Chris Lilley's series, *We Can Be Heroes*, *Summer Heights High*, *Angry Boys* and *Ja'mie: Private School Girl* as well as overseeing the production of a range of groundbreaking comedy and documentary series. Recent productions include landmark series from satirist John Clarke about the history of Australian sport and the Australian accent called *Sporting Nation* and *The Sounds of Aus*; comedy prankster John Safran's look at cross-cultural love, *Race Relations*; Peter Helliar's romantic comedy feature, *I Love You Too*; *Outland*, a comedy series about a group of gay science fiction fans; and *The Ball*, a documentary profiling special needs students preparing for their debutante ball.

Waters was born in the United States, studied at Boston University and initially produced current affairs and documentary television in London and Los Angeles. In Australia she was the Melbourne bureau chief of *The 7.30 Report*, and produced many current affairs series. Ultimately she moved into comedy and entertainment, producing two series of *Kath & Kim*, and working with a range of comedy talent including Shaun Micallef, Rove McManus, Tony Martin and Wendy Harmer.

Waters has recently launched *It's a Date*, a showcase of Australia's top talent on a series of entertaining dates, and is developing several comedies and documentaries.

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STUART MCDONALD

DIRECTOR

Stuart McDonald directed *Summer Heights High* and *Angry Boys* starring Chris Lilley. Stuart McDonald directed *STRANDED* a fifty minute coming of age drama film that won best short film at the AFI, Dendy, IF, Film Critic's Circle and Atom awards. Stuart has also directed *Rush*, *Spirited*, *Tangle*, *Secret Life of Us* and *SeaChange*.



