



Australian Government

Classification Review Board

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***Boychoir* classified PG**

A three-member panel of the Classification Review Board has unanimously determined that the film *Boychoir* is classified **PG (Parental Guidance)** with the consumer advice 'Mild bullying violence and themes'.

The National Classification Code and Classification Guidelines allows for violence and themes which are mild and justified by context. In the Classification Review Board's opinion *Boychoir* warrants a PG classification because the violence and themes are mild in impact and justified by context.

The other classifiable elements can be accommodated within the PG classification or lower. The overall impact of the classifiable elements in the film was no higher than mild.

Films classified **PG** may contain material which some children find confusing or upsetting and may require the guidance of parents or guardians. For this reason, **PG** films are not recommended for viewing by persons under 15 without guidance from parents or guardians. Consumer advice is additional information about the main content of a film, intended to help consumers decide if they want to view this type of material.

The Classification Review Board convened today in response to an application from the original applicant, Becker Film Group, to review the decision made by the Classification Board on 10 February 2015, to classify *Boychoir* **M** with the consumer advice 'Mature themes'.

In reviewing the classification, the Classification Review Board worked within the framework of the National Classification Scheme, applying the provisions of the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*, the National Classification Code and the *Guidelines for the Classification of Films*. This is the same framework used by the Classification Board.

The Classification Review Board is an independent merits review body. It makes a fresh classification decision upon receipt of an application for review. This Classification Review Board decision takes the place of the original decision made by the Classification Board.

The Classification Review Board's reasons for this decision will appear on the Classification website when finalised.

Statement authorised by Fiona Jolly, Acting Convenor, Classification Review Board