H3140 HEAD START  (AUSTRALIA, 3/4-12/2/2001)  [TV SERIES]

Credits: directors, Steve Mann … [et al.]; writers, Chris Roache … [et al.].
Cast: David Hoflin, Nadia Townsend, Megan Dorman, Garth Holcomb, Gareth Yuen, Blair Venn, Ryan Johnson.
Summary: Melodrama set in contemporary Sydney. A large banking corporation runs an ongoing competition to foster innovation, creativity and achievement for young Australians. Applicants aged 18 to 21 submit projects in the arts, sports, science, business and community fields. Each winner receives a $20,000 grant to make the dream project a reality. They also get full board in a freshly renovated inner city warehouse with six other high achievers to keep them company. Living together in this hothouse environment opens the doors to hysteria, tears, innovative brainstorms and the odd flirtation with success. The successful seven are advised and directed by Garrett Quinn (Venn), a 40 year old former corporate high flyer who lost everything in the crash of ’87. He now sees this job as a way of redeeming himself. Among this years’ successful applicants are Loc Minh Vu (Yuen), a Vietnamese internet programmer determined to set up a website to help refugees, Clare and Patrick Gormley (Townsend and Hoflin) a brother and sister combination from the country who are attempting to establish and market their own line of yabbies for the fresh food market. Basia Lem (Stafford) is a documentary maker striving to complete a film on the life of one of the country’s pioneer female aviators. Seth Wallis (Holcombe) and Kyle Richter (Johnson), designer and promoter of a new automatic gear change prototype for bicycles, and Katherine Ingram (Dorman), a classical piano prodigy who is putting together a recording of her own compositions. The series follows the trials and triumphs of this disparate group. Loc Minh Vu’s particular problem is his indebtedness to a Vietnamese Australian gangster.

No known reviews. Full episode guide at the Australian Television Information Archive viewed May 2006
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