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School mums mixed up in a murder case plus pirates, priests and a pregnancy

February is filled with great dramas

showcase.
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Foxtel's premium **showcase** channel boasts a star studded line up of dramas launching this month, including **Nicole Kidman**, **Reese Witherspoon** and **Shailene Woodley** in the event series **Big Little Lies** and **Rihanna** checking in for the final season of **Bates Motel**.

There are more major international premieres with the final season of **Girls**, the comedy debut **Crashing** and starting this weekend **Nashville** S5 and **Black Sails** S4.

Foxtel's short-form original drama **Let's Talk About** joins the showcase line-up this month, starting with its first season airing Sundays nights, while the full first season and the new second season will be available from February 19 to stream in full on **Foxtel Play**.

Sunday February 12

Nashville Season 5 starts at 7.30pm

Set against the backdrop of the city's music scene the series follows Rayna Jaymes and Juliette Barnes as they navigate their paths as artists and individuals. Surrounding them, and often complicating their lives, are their family, friends and, in some cases, lovers, as well as the up-and-coming performers and songwriters trying to get ahead in the business. As the season opens Rayna and Deacon are facing a new normal with Maddie back at home and Highway 65 struggling financially. Shocking news about Juliette creates a wave of emotions throughout Nashville. Stars **Connie Britton**, **Hayden Panettiere**, **Claire Bowen** and **Charles Esten**.

Black Sails Season 4 starts at 9.30pm

Hundreds of British soldiers lie dead in a forest, the Royal Navy sails back to England in retreat, the West Indies are now a war zone, and the shores of New Providence Island have never been bloodier. With the help of Eleanor Guthrie, Woodes Rogers transforms Nassau into a fortress without walls, as Captain Flint amasses a fleet of unprecedented strength, hoping to strike the final blow against civilisation and reshape the world forever. Meanwhile, from within the island an insurgency builds, fuelled by the legend of its exiled leader, whose name keeps grown men awake at night... the one they call "Long Live John Silver." But as Flint, Silver and their allies are about to learn, the closer civilisation comes to defeat, the more desperately and destructively it will fight back. Oaths will be shattered, fortunes will change hands, and amidst the chaos, only one thing remains certain: it has never been more dangerous to be a pirate. Stars **Toby Stephens**, **Hannah New** and **Luke Arnold**. This is the final season of *Black Sails*.

Wednesday February 15

Girls Season 6 starts at 8.30pm – Express from the US

Created by and starring **Lena Dunham**, the show is a comic look at the assorted humiliations and rare triumphs of a group of girls in their mid-20s. The cast also includes **Jemima Kirke**, **Allison Williams**, **Zosia Mamet**, **Adam Driver**, **Alex Karpovsky**, **Andrew Rannells** and **Ebon Moss-Bachrach**. This is final season of this acclaimed series.

Sunday February 19

Let's Talk About is new to showcase with Season 1 airing Sundays after *Nashville* and continuing straight through with the new second season starting on showcase April 30. Also, from February 19, both of the 10 episode seasons will be available on Foxtel Play to stream in full.

Season one begins with Ben (**Richard Davies**) broke and Claire (**Matilda Brown** – creator and star) up the duff. The second season follows their next rollercoaster chapter when daughter Lily is welcomed into the world. Series regulars **Bryan Brown** and **Lisa Hensley** return as Claire's uncensored but well-meaning parents joined by **Sam Neill**, **Damian Walshe-Howling**, **Steve Le Marquand**, **Andrea Demetriades** and **Chloe Boreham**.

Monday February 20

Big Little Lies same time as US at 1pm and a primetime encore at 8.30pm – Express from the US
A subversive, dark comedic drama, **Big Little Lies** tells the tale of three mothers of first-graders whose apparently perfect lives unravel to the point of murder. This event series is based on the book of the same name by best-selling Australian author Liane Moriarty and stars Kidman, Witherspoon, Woodley, **Laura Dern** and **Alexander Skarsgard**.

Tuesday February 21

Bates Motel Season 5 starts at 9.30pm – Express from the US
The haunting fifth and final season of the critically acclaimed drama, from writers and executive producers Kerry Ehrin and Carlton Cuse begins two years after the death of Norma. Emmy-nominated actress **Vera Farmiga** returns for double duty as executive producer while also reprising her role as 'Mother' who is very much alive and well but only in the twisted, complicated mind of 'Norman Bates' played by **Freddie Highmore**. New faces, including Rihanna as Marion Crane (the character Janet Leigh played in Albert Hitchcock's movie *Psycho*), find their way to the Bates Motel to further complicate Norman's life and threaten to unearth his dark secrets.

Wednesday February 22

Crashing Season 1 starts at 9.00pm – Express from the US
Created by and starring **Pete Holmes**, the series follows a stand-up comic who discovers that his wife is unfaithful, leading him to re-evaluate his life amidst the New York City comedy scene. **Artie Lange**, **Lauren Lapkus** and **T.J. Miller** also star.

Ongoing drama highlights in February - *The Exorcist*

The Exorcist, starring **Geena Davis**, **Alfonso Herrera** and **Ben Daniels**, is building towards a stunning finale with just two episodes left to premiere on Sunday, February 12 and 19, at 8.30pm.

All times are AEDT.

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Following evening broadcasts on showcase, *Black Sails*, *Girls*, *Big Little Lies* and *Crashing* and will be available to watch on demand via Foxtel Anytime on internet iQ boxes. You can also stream all series on Foxtel Play or Foxtel Go. Foxtel Go is included with all Foxtel residential and Foxtel Play subscriptions at no extra cost.

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