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Brand new season of hit comedy *The Family Law* airs on SBS.

The new six part series premieres on Thursday, 15 June at 8.30pm on SBS.

Everyone's favourite almost-functional Asian Australian family, The Laws, are back – returning with a double episode of *The Family Law* on Thursday, 15 June at 8.30pm on SBS. After a summer to remember, Jenny Law and Danny Law have amicably parted ways, and a wiser, more-mature Benjamin now understands that sometimes, parents just work better apart.

With the holidays over the Laws are turning a new leaf – or, as Jenny calls it, a “new flap”. Danny – having sold Happy Dragon – opens ‘Asian Alley’, an Asian grocery store and his first entrée into retail, while Jenny embarks on a quest of self-discovery. Resuming his role as family fixer, Benjamin helps his mother “find herself”, his father prove himself, and tries to stop his family from going off the rails – all while juggling his star-making turn in Sacred Heart High’s ground-breaking school production of a feel-good hit about infanticide, *Medea*.

This season, the Laws are starting anew while trying to stop old wounds from festering, and they’re taking series favourites (nosey aunts Maisy and Daisy; deranged drama teacher Mallory Mallory; serial shyster Beryl Streeper; the annoyingly perfect Thomson family) along for the ride.

The new season of *The Family Law* will be even more painful, hilarious and poignant than the first. With more gasp-inducing honesty and hair-raising Jenny-isms, welcome back to the post-nuclear family you know and love, where membership sometimes feels like a sentence. Just like your own, really.

SBS Director of Television and Online Content Marshall Heald said:

“After a hugely successful award-winning first season, we’re thrilled to be back with a second season of this original and uniquely SBS series. Season one of this bold and clever show really resonated with Australian families and audiences.

“Bringing this fantastically diverse cast back to our TV screens for a second season enables us to explore and navigate through the next chapter of their lives – doing it all in the hilariously lovable family Law style.

Based on Benjamin Law’s hit memoir of the same name, the critically acclaimed first series was awarded ‘Best Casting in a TV Comedy (Casting Guild of Australia)’ and ‘Comedy Series Production of the Year (SPA Award)’ – it also earned two AACTA nominations.

With the aim of engaging even more Australians, the new season of the much loved comedy drama will once again be available with simplified Chinese subtitles, in addition to Korean and Vietnamese subtitled versions, via SBS On Demand for viewers to watch anytime on their favourite device.

The Family Law is developed and produced by Matchbox Pictures (*The Slap*, *Nowhere Boys*, *Glitch*) in association with Screen Queensland, Screen Australia and SBS.

The Family Law season two is executive produced by Tony Ayres and Debbie Lee (Matchbox Pictures), produced by Julie Eckersley and Sophie Miller (Matchbox Pictures), and co-produced by Andy Walker (Matchbox Pictures). The show is also executive produced by SBS’s Sue Masters



Directed by Ben Chessell (*Offspring, Rush, Dance Academy*), along with Sophie Miller (directed episode 4), the show is written by Benjamin Law, Kirsty Fisher and Lawrence Leung.

Watch the promo for *The Family Law* [here](#).

***The Family Law*, season 2, premieres Thursday, 15 June at 8.30pm on SBS. The series will also be available on [SBS On Demand](#) after each episode airs.**

Season 1 of *The Family Law* will be available on [SBS On Demand](#) from June 8.

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