

# Game on for Aroni

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YEAR 9 student at Bialik College Gideon Aroni is making waves with his new radio program *Game On – Gaming on a New Level*, which reviews the latest video games on J-Air on Saturday afternoons.

Geared towards young adults, the enthusiastic gamer prepares the content, presents the show and invites guest reviews – sometimes his friends – to talk.

Bialik's Etgar (challenge) program, which helps years 8 and 9 students develop skills in a variety of areas, sparked Aroni's interest in radio presenting and inspired him to combine his passion for radio with video games.

"The show provides a great opportunity for kids of all ages to get experience on radio, talking about something they love – video games. Our callers to the show are all keen gamers like me and have strong views about the games they play. It gives the show variety," Aroni said.

Aroni is no stranger to gaming or reviews. He has been gaming since he was four years old, started his own video gaming YouTube channel when he was eight (called Gidzo588) and has appeared



Year 9 Bialik student Gideon Aroni at the J-Air studios.

as a video game reviewer on ABC3 TV's *Good Game Spawn Point*.

J Air's program manager Sean Meltzer said that Aroni's program is the first of its kind. He explained that while there are television shows that review video games, this is the first time a radio station is doing the same.

"It is the first Australian radio show of its type and is getting a good following, with callers dialling into the show to provide their comments and experiences of the games being reviewed," Meltzer said.

*Game On* joins a broad line-up of content on J-AIR, with topics ranging from travel to politics to art and music. There is also a weekly

Jewish news show from 11am to midday on Thursday mornings, presented by AJN editor Zeddy Lawrence.

"J-AIR is keen to provide community radio shows that represent the broad interests and ages of the Jewish community. We are very excited to have Gideon providing this show as we are keen to attract younger listeners to the station with a show where they can also be involved," said station manager Rob Bontschek.

*Game On* airs on Saturday from 4-5pm on 87.8 FM. A podcast of each show can also be heard on [www.J-Air.com.au](http://www.J-Air.com.au). If you're interested in appearing on the show as a guest reviewer, either live or pre-recorded, email [seanm@j-air.com.au](mailto:seanm@j-air.com.au).