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# SCHOOLBOY CRUSH

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### STARRING

YOKOTANI YOSHIKAZU KANNO ATSUMI YUUKI KAWAKUBO TANI KAZUNORI  
REN KIRIYAMA BABA TORU NAGAI TOMOYA

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Editing SAGAMI YOSHITSUGU  
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Producers HANAMURA KAYOKO KIM HEA OK UENO KEISUKE  
Assistant Producer KAWASHIMA MASANORI SENOO SAKI  
Screenplay by TERAUCHI KOHTARO CAROLCO  
Directed by TERAUCHI KOHTARO

### INTRODUCTION

In Japan, BL is the modern abbreviation for "Boys Love," which was originally referred to as Yaoi: gay genre fiction targeted at Japanese females. BL has become wildly popular and can be found as mangas, novels, anime and audio CDs. There is even a unique street named "Otome Road" located in the Ikebukuro district of Tokyo where shops feature BL merchandise.

With such a strong demand for BL stories, the first original straight-to-video title, "Boys Love," produced and released in 2006 by TORNADO FILMS, made record-breaking sales. It also spawned a movie novel, an electronic portable novel, and more manga. In 2007, the producer and director of "Boys Love" came back again for a theatrical feature film version starring original "Boys Love" star YOSHIKAZU KOTANI with brand new story. This time the story takes place at a boys' boarding school. KOTANI plays a teacher at the school whose object of affection is upcoming star ATSUMI KANO, who plays a new student. As their attraction begins to build, their wistfully intertwined love has just started...

TLA Releasing has re-titled the film SCHOOLBOY CRUSH (*Boys Love the Movie*) and will also release the popular sequels, FORBIDDEN LOVE and MELODY OF OUR LOVE in 2009.

## STORY

Kaori Aoi (YOSHIKAZU KOTANI) is a teacher at famous boarding school for boys from wealthy families. One night, Kaori is dumped by his girlfriend and seeks comfort from a boy prostitute on the street. A few days later, Kaori welcomes a new student Sora Amakami (ATSUMI KANNO) to his class, but to Kaori's surprise, the new student is the prostitute he spent the night with! Although the two men spent a passionate night with each other, Kaori acts as if nothing happened between them; passing off the encounter as a mistake.

Meanwhile, Ichiyu Muzuki (YUUKI KAWAKUBO) was a wallflower until Sora became his new roommate. When the other students begin to ask questions to Ichiyu about Sora, he starts to become popular. However, one student is not happy about Ichiyu's rising popularity: his best friend Riku Hanazono (TANI KAZUNORI), the son of a mega capitalist. Riku becomes insanely jealous and begins to bully Ichiyu in front of the other students.

Everybody in school wants Sora to join their sport clubs, but the young man decides to join the Ocean Life club instead. Focusing on the theory of evolution, the club is moderated by Kaori, who has increasingly become disturbed by Sora's frequent phone calls to his cell phone. One day in the club, Kaori hears a cell phone ring, which is strictly forbidden at school. He quickly blames Sora and confiscates the phone; since he want to remove his phone number from Sora's phone. Sora is devastated but Kaori eventually finds out it was another student's phone who rang.

The circle of friendship seems to be going well until Ichiyu starts to fall in love with Sora and becomes obsessed with him But Sora's cold heart rejects his roommate's affections, causing their friendship to dissolve. Meanwhile Kaori begins to find out the complicated background of Sora's family, helping him to understand why Sora shuts his heart off to his friends. As an understanding develops, Kaori's heart begins to swell with love for Sora and soon their romantic reunion is wistful and passionate; with tragic consequences right around the corner.