



MICHAEL TOMALARIS

Class of 1978

Michael Tomalaris is an Australian reporter, presenter and host of SBS Television's Tour de France coverage. He can be seen presenting the network's flagship SBS World News.

After leaving Sydney Technical High School, Michael studied at the Max Rowley School of Radio, Television and Drama and embarked on a career in radio. His break into television was in 1987 when he provided commentary for a National Soccer League match and, after working for a time in print journalism, Tomalaris returned to SBS full-time in 1992 and became recognised as a commentator for NSL games, Socceroos and Olyroos international broadcasts. After working on such events as the 1992 and 1996 UEFA European Football Championship and the 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010 FIFA World Cup tournaments as reporter and host, he has since focused on developing the network's Tour de France coverage.

Through SBS he has raised cycling's profile by initially covering the Commonwealth Bank Cycle Classic from 1992 and, in 1996, the start of the Tour de France in the Netherlands. He has covered the television spectacle for SBS ever since, and is the network's main anchor of its growing cycling portfolio which includes international events such as the Tour Down Under, the *Giro d'Italia*, the *Vuelta a España* the *Tour of California* and *Paris-Roubaix*. SBS covered the *Tour of Flanders* live for the first time in 2011. Under his guidance, SBS has received three Logie nominations for "Best Sport Coverage", for its productions of the Tour de France.

Michael Tomalaris was recognised by the Australian Sports Commission for "Most Outstanding Contribution to a Sport by an Individual" at the 2011 annual awards.