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Biography.

Born in Scotland, Kaiya emigrated to Australia with her family when she was eight years old. With early ambitions to be an actor, she soon found her way to be cast in the phenomenally successful children's series 'The Saddle Club.' A Canadian /Australian co-production based on the best selling books, 'The Saddle Club' has been loved by audiences globally. As regular cast member Jess Cooper, Kaiya was given the opportunity to record songs for the show's accompanying albums, even writing some lyrics herself, and made many live appearances.

Soon after the success of 'The

Saddle Club' Kaiya was cast in 'Neighbours' as newcomer Sophie Ramsay. Having now worked on 'Neighbours' since 2008, Kaiya brings much sprite and humour to Ramsay St and has amassed a large fan base. She is an avid user of social media and supports a number of charities.

Aside from acting, Kaiya enjoys cooking and is a keen sportswoman, excelling at soccer in particular. Always taking on new skills, she has most recently completed an intensive foundation course at the Howard Fine School of Acting and also learned how to ride a unicycle!

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Press:

'Neighbours' Kaiya Jones interview: 'Sophie drama is a lot of fun'

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Neighbours' sibling troubles between Sophie and Kate Ramsay take a new twist on UK screens next week as the pair decide that they no longer want to live together.

As the Department of Human Services (DHS) continues threatening to put Sophie into foster care, Kate (**Ashleigh Brewer**) finally returns home to Erinsborough in the hope that she can fix everything.



However, the sisters soon realise that things can't go back to the way they were, leaving Paul (**Stefan Dennis**) to step in and offer to become Sophie's guardian instead. Could this be the right solution for all concerned?

Digital Spy recently caught up with **Kaiya Jones**, who plays Sophie, to ask some quickfire questions about the storyline.

Sophie has been taking centre stage on *Neighbours* recently. How have you found filming her recent stories?

"It's been a lot of fun and also really challenging at the same time. She is still getting over Noah and feels betrayed by the one person she has always trusted, her sister. Sophie is still very angry. And her recent meltdown scene was pretty full on, it's not often you're given permission to damage property!"

Sophie decides to run away early next week, doesn't she?

"Yes, the last thing Sophie wants is to be put into a foster home, so her way of stopping this situation is to run away. Unfortunately, she doesn't get too far before Callum finds her."



When Kate returns to Ramsay Street, what's the atmosphere like between her and Sophie?

"It's pretty tense. Sophie is still angry that Kate was away, as she had to go through getting expelled from school and the stress of the DHS virtually on her own."

Why do they decide they no longer want to live together?

"I can understand it. For most of the time they have been together, it has been like a mother/daughter relationship rather than sisters. Now they can be more like sisters."

MOVING OUT

There are certainly big changes ahead for *Neighbours* in 2013! TV WEEK has learnt four cast members are set to depart next year, with all filming their final scenes before Christmas.

Those set to move out are Tash (Valentina Novakovic, inset, top), Andrew (Jordan Smith, above), Rhys (Ben Barber, inset) and Sophie (Kaiya Jones, bottom).

It's understood Valentina, Jordan and Ben are all keen to look for new projects - either at home or in the US - while Kaiya wants to focus on her high school education.

"Australia is small compared to what else is out there, especially in Los Angeles," Valentina has said.

"I love acting and it's what I want to do, so why not be in the thick of it all? I certainly would love to do more Aussie things, but being realistic, there is nowhere near as much opportunity here."

To cope with the exits, Ramsay Street will welcome several new faces next year with the arrival of the Turner family, plus, former stars Nicola Charles (Sarah), Scott McGregor (Mark) and Carla Bonner (Steph) will return.



"Just casually chilled with a stormtrooper and an imperial pilot in the city"

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What are your favourite TV shows?

I really like *Modern Family* - the comedy, and the way it's written, is very clever. I'd like to work on that show - that would be incredible! I also like *MasterChef Australia* because I love cooking.

Who in the industry would you love to work with?

I'd like to work with Johnny Depp. All the characters he does are

amazing. And I'd also love to work with other child actors in different countries - that would be fun. Keira Knightley as well, because she's cool.

If acting doesn't work out, what would you like to do?

I love making movies, so possibly directing. Or I also like orangutans, so I'd love to go to Borneo and work in a zoo.

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SOPHIE SNAPS!

NEIGHBOURS

She's certainly not the first teen to go off the rails in the history of Ramsay Street, but this week in *Neighbours* Sophie takes the cake when she violently trashes a school bathroom, with devastating consequences.

Her cousin Andrew (Jordan Smith) is intent on becoming Red Cotton's band manager and organises for them to film a music video at Erinsborough High. But it's Sophie who brings the rock'n'roll to the party when she turns up in a rage over Andrew's handling of her favourite band and her sister, Kate (Ashleigh Brewer), shooting through to Port Douglas.

"She's feeling quite alone and hurt. She's feeling a lot of different emotions over Kate leaving," Kaiya Jones (left), who plays Sophie, tells TV WEEK.

"She doesn't go into the film clip knowing she's going to trash the bathroom, [but] she feels she knows Red Cotton better than Andrew, so she tries to help by grunging them up. She then senses an opportunity to take her anger and hurt out by destroying the whole bathroom. Her emotions take over."

However, with her temper tantrum caught on camera, school principal Priya (Menik Gooneratne) is set to give Sophie more than just a slap on the wrist for her bad behaviour...

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Kaiya Jones with co-star Ashleigh Brewer after the chop. Picture: Fremantle Media Supplied

NEIGHBOURS youngster Kaiya Jones has been chopped from the soap - well, her hair at least.

Jones, who plays Sophie Ramsay let on-screen big sister Kate - aka Ashleigh Brewer - snip her waist-length hair for an upcoming storyline.

"I'm really happy and it will save so much drying and brushing time, and best of all, no more knots," Jones said.

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