



The middle child of the Ramjan family, Katherine-born Kurt was always the show-off. 'Throughout my childhood, I'd make Zac, my older brother, dress-up with me to film homemade videos,' says Kurt.

RESIDENT CELEBRITY

KURT RAMJAN

SUPERSTAR IN THE MAKING

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A former Essington School student, it wasn't until he joined the drama classes at Casuarina Senior College for his final three years at school that he fell in love with acting. 'Back then Essington only went to Year 10 and didn't have the drama program they have now, but luckily CSC did, and my passion for acting blossomed. When I completed year 12 I auditioned for NIDA (National Institute for Dramatic Arts) and other universities,' he continues. 'I missed out on NIDA but was accepted by Charles Sturt University (CSU) in Wagga Wagga for a Bachelor in Stage and Screen Acting.' After two years at CSU and a further two auditions to NIDA he was finally accepted into this elite Australian performing arts institution. NIDA is renowned for providing professional development opportunities. Students need to be at the cutting edge of their field. They challenge current thinking and practice and produce graduates who will be innovators and leaders. 'During my time at NIDA I learnt so much about myself as a human. It not only developed me as an actor but also as a person,' Kurt said. 'Spending more than 45 hours a week at NIDA was physically and emotionally demanding, and at times I found myself at breaking point. But I didn't hate any of it, because it was in these moments that I developed the most. Being under the guidance of professionals for three years prepared me for the difficult transition into the industry, so I'm very grateful for those years and experiences.' Completing his degree in 2017, Kurt was approached by several agents. After careful consideration, he chose RGM Artists who represent many Australian actors including Cate Blanchett, Anthony LaPaglia and Vince Colosimo. 'I'm definitely in good hands,' he said. 'Since moving permanently to Sydney I've been fortunate enough to be consistently auditioning for film projects and pilot episodes.' Kurt recently scored a role in the first episode of television's Sando now airing on the ABC. In between auditions, Kurt works for a before and after school care service in Sydney. 'I've been doing childcare work for six years during uni holidays for Essington School in Darwin, so it was a natural progression, plus it allows me the flexibility for auditions.' While Kurt doesn't like admitting Sydney is now home he knows it will give him greater opportunities. 'I'm more used to the small town laidback lifestyle, so I'll always be a Territorian at heart,' he smiles. 'I'm only at the beginning of my journey, and I have a lot more work to do to turn this passion into a career. But I know my family is already proud of me, and I'm so grateful for their unwavering support.' The Territory will be right behind him too.