



Greta Scacchi is delighted daughter Leila George will follow in her footsteps Picture: Richard Dobson

## A career Greta's girl was born to pursue

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SHE has two famous actor parents but, after a year of studying filmmaking, Leila George has decided she'd rather follow their footsteps on the other side of the camera.

The daughter of Greta Scacchi and *Law And Order: Criminal Intent* star Vincent D'Onofrio graduated from a foundation course at the Sydney Film School on Wednesday but has decided to pursue acting in New York.

Her father, known for his TV role as Detective Goren, flew from the US for the graduation. Scacchi



**Leila will stay with her father, US TV star Vincent D'Onofrio, in New York**

was performing in David Williamson's play, *Nothing Personal*, at The Ensemble Theatre when the graduation ceremony was being held.

George, who studied drama at school in the UK, said acting was her passion.

"I've always loved being on stage and at the film school I found

that I wanted to be in all the films they were writing," she said. "I've grown up with actors as parents so I know how hard it is."

George plans to study method acting at the Lee Strasberg Institute in New York next year where her father sometimes teaches. She will live with him, his second wife Carin van der Donk and their two sons while she is there.

Scacchi said her daughter has the talent to pursue an acting career.

"As long as she works hard, and she is exceedingly disciplined, I think she'll be fine," she said.