

# KYLIE MINOGUE

Kylie Ann Minogue (born 28 May 1968) is an Australian singer, songwriter and actress. She became popular in the late 1980s, because of her role in the Australian television soap opera *Neighbours*, before becoming a dance-pop singer.

She was born in Melbourne to a Welsh immigrant mother and Irish-Australian father. Her sister Dannii Minogue is also a singer and actress, and her brother Brendan works as a cameraman.



On 17 May 2005, Minogue was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was on tour at the time, and the rest of it had to be cancelled. She finished her chemotherapy treatment in January 2006, but still needed six more weeks of radiotherapy to stop any new cancerous tumours from growing.

## INTERESTING FACTS

- Kylie's pop career began by accident. She performed a version of sixties hit 'The Locomotion' at a benefit concert for an Aussie sports team
- her first 13 singles stormed straight into the UK top ten.
- when she isn't performing, she likes to relax by playing card games and enjoying good food.
- she launched her own social Networking website, called KylieKonnnect, in November 2007.

## GLOSSARY

**cancer** [kænsə] – a serious disease that is caused when cells in the body grow in a way that is uncontrolled

**treatment** [tri:tmənt] – the way you deal with or behave towards someone or something

**tumour** [tju:mə] – a mass of diseased cells

**benefit** [benɪfɪt] – a helpful or good effect

**Aussie** [ɒzi] – Australian, or an Australian person

**storm** [stɔ:m] – to attack a place or building by entering suddenly in great numbers

**launch** [lɔ:ntʃ] – to begin something such as a plan or introduce something new such as a product