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From detective to dad

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VINCENT D'Onofrio may be famous for playing a quirky and tough detective on Law And Order's latest spin-off, Criminal Intent, but his favourite role is being a dad. D'Onofrio, 42, spent last week in Sydney with 10-year-old Layla, his daughter to former wife, Italian-born actor Greta Scacchi.

And the choice of Sydney as a holiday destination was no accident -- D'Onofrio once lived at Coogee for more than three years.

While he now lives in New York, Layla lives in England with her mum.

``My daughter happened to be visiting her granny so we met here, we meet all over the world just to hang out together," D'Onofrio told The Sunday Telegraph.

``It's nice because I haven't had the opportunity to come back here in a while, it's been about five years. I've caught up with a lot of people in Coogee."

Like any father and daughter pair the D'Onofrios spent most of their time at the famous Coogee beach, and even spent a day out at Australia's Wonderland.

Amongst the fun and frivolity, D'Onofrio also managed to set aside time to promote the second season of the popular Law And Order series, Criminal Intent.

He plays the highly intuitive detective Robert Goren in the show, which is the third spin-Off of the original. ``Instead of a who dunnit it's a why dunnit, so it's mainly based on the psychology of killers," D'Onofrio explained.

Caption: Playing dad: Enigmatic TV star Vincent D'Onofrio in Sydney Picture: Michael Perini

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