

Sam to take break from Neighbourhood

ONE of *Neighbours*' favourite stars is set to leave the show, taking an indefinite break to launch his music career.

Sam Clark (left), who plays Ringo Brown in the soap, yesterday said he would leave the show in seven weeks, for at least three months.

"It's going to be a really nice break for me and I'd like to put 100 per cent into the music now," Clark said.

"It's hard to get in touch

with your inner self when you're playing a character 24/7 on *Neighbours*, so that's another reason why I'm looking forward to having some time to myself, to discover more about myself."

Clark, who will release his debut single *Broken* next week, admitted he was cautious about using the soaps to launch his music career.

"I've been asked (to sing on the show) a number of times, and that could be a good

opportunity in the short term, but I want a bit of longevity," Clark said.

"But I'm never going to escape from the fact I was on *Neighbours*, I've loved my time on the show — I still do."

The actor, who will perform at the Highpoint Star Search grand final on September 19, has fallen in love with a mystery Queensland woman, whom he met in April. "I'm sure she'll play a pretty big part in my life," he said.

