



# LIGHTNING POINT

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# 1. THE STORY



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## SYNOPSIS

On a stormy night in the sleepy surf town of Lightning Point, a bright light streaks across the sky and plummets into the nearby forest. A spaceship! Inside are teen aliens Zoey and Kiki, on a forbidden mission to Earth. But when their spaceship explodes unexpectedly the girls are stranded, and their real adventure begins.

Coming from Lumina, a barren, waterless planet, Zoey and Kiki are entranced by Earth – especially the ocean. On their first day in Lightning Point the girls head down to the beach and watch local surfer girl Amber ripping up the waves. They've got to try it! And they soon discover they have natural surfing talent – especially determined Zoey, who is a real whizz on the board.

When Amber witnesses their alien powers, Zoey and Kiki decide to let her in on the secret, and the girls quickly become friends and allies. An only child of divorced parents, Amber loves hanging out with the girls, but she wishes they could keep a lower profile. All this glowing, turning into balls of light and having strange, alien effects on everything around them could really get the girls – and her! – into trouble.

Fitting in is hard when you are from out of town, let alone outer space. It means not only controlling their powers, but also learning the etiquette of Lightning Point's teen world. With Amber's help they move into her place, get kitted-out in the latest surf clothes, enroll at high school and start hanging at the local diner.



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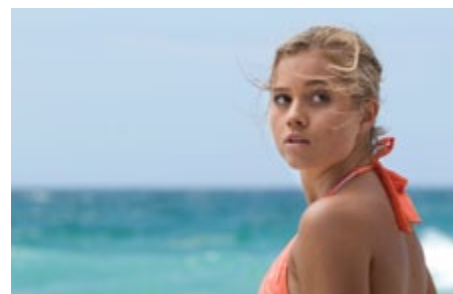
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But their arrival in Lightning Point still causes a stir. Zoey's board skills attract the attention of surf king, Brandon. Although neither of them will admit it, they have a definite chemistry, which really winds up Brandon's queen-bee girl-friend, Madison. She'll do everything she can to make life hard for Zoey and Kiki.

Amber's best friend and Brandon's brother, Luca, is also onto them. He's a dedicated UFO nut and he's noticed strange lights in the sky and crop circles in the forest nearby. And when Luca begins to suspect that there is something strange about sweet-natured Kiki, she is torn between their blossoming romance and keeping her true identity secret. And it's not just Luca who is suspicious – it is up to Amber to make sure her mother, Senior Sergeant Olivia Mitchell, doesn't find out the girls' alien nature either.

The girls try sending an SOS home during a lightning storm, but instead of contacting a rescue mission their beacon uncovers unexplained alien phenomena from the past – and suddenly the whole town is closing in on them. Zoey and Kiki soon discover that there is more to Lightning Point than meets the eye. They are not the first intergalactic visitors – and their trip to Earth may have been part of a darker plot.

When Luca discovers the truth about Kiki he decides to help the girls – but this means lying to his adopted brother Brandon. After years of mocking Luca's interest in aliens, Brandon has become a believer, and is on the hunt.



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When Brandon discovers that aliens abducted his real parents, his interest takes a malevolent turn – he won't stop till he gets revenge. But there's more to his parents' disappearance than Brandon realises. And he soon discovers that he himself may have alien origins.

As Brandon and Zoey grow closer together and she begins to help him in his journey of discovery, Sergeant Mitchell becomes suspicious of Brandon. Lightning Point is no longer safe for the teen aliens.

But when the time comes to go, will these two alien teenagers be able to say goodbye to a planet as amazing as Earth?



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## EPISODES

### 1. WIPEOUT

*Directed by Colin Budds, Written by David Hannam*

When Zoey and Kiki, two irrepressible girls from another galaxy land in Lightning Point, their dreams of surfing the waves of Earth's oceans have finally come true! As soon as their ship lands, they head to the beach where they meet Amber – a local teen teaching a surf class. Zoey and Kiki convince her to give them a beginner's lesson – but when Zoey borrows Madison's board and surfs the back break, Amber is suspicious. Who are these girls?

Meanwhile, Amber's best friend Luca finds the landing site and with it, some alien technology. Kiki and Zoey are horrified to discover that their precious plasma card is gone – and there's a strange barking noise coming from their cloaked ship. With no time to lose, they are forced to trust Amber with their secret – they're aliens from another planet and their space ship has her dog. With Amber's help, they track down the card and quickly head back to the ship. One look from Zoey and Piper, the local Police Dog and Amber's missing pet is free. But Piper didn't take too kindly to being locked in an alien craft and attacks the thing that trapped her – the Plasma Card...

BOOM! The Space Ship...!

"Bad dog..." says Amber.



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### 2. MICROWAVE

*Directed by Colin Budds, Written by Anthony Morris*

With their space ship obliterated and no other way of getting home, Kiki and Zoey settle into the teenage world of Lightning Point at Amber's house. Amber's mother, Sergeant Olivia Mitchell is surprised by the girls' appearance, but is glad Amber finally has some company. Amber hopes Kiki and Zoey can keep a low profile, but her dreams are dashed when local surf king, Brandon takes an interest in Zoey and invites her to a barbeque – at the request of girlfriend Madison.

At the event, Zoey finds out that Madison is no welcoming party and warns her to keep away from Brandon – but just as the tension between them is escalating, Madison turns on the microwave. The energy pulse morphs Zoey into her true alien plasma form and traps her in an esky! When Amber and Kiki come to visit Luca to talk him out of publicising his crop circle find, Amber discovers Zoey is in trouble – and has to make a fool of herself in front of the whole party to rescue her.



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## EPISODES

### 3. WIRES CROSSED

*Directed by Colin Budds, Written by Simon Butters*

To blend in, Zoey and Kiki start attending Amber's school – and find it nothing like school on LUMINA. In a desperate attempt to contact home, Zoey devises a plan using “primitive” Earth technology. Satellites.

Convinced that this plan will work – and will be undetectable to human ears – Zoey and Kiki plant their plasma card on the school satellite and beam up a signal.

But when dogs start flooding the school, Amber suspects Zoey and Kiki are behind it – canines can hear the signal. When Piper turns up on the scene as well, Amber takes the only chance she can – before Luca and MR PHILLIPS find out the real reason behind the dog deluge.



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## EPISODES

### 4. FEELINGS

*Directed by Colin Budds, Written by Sam Carroll*

When Kiki is moved to tears by Amber's singing, Amber makes an important discovery – Luminans can only experience emotions on Earth. Meanwhile, Zoey has fallen in love with surfing and goes out every day – that is, until Brandon steals her wave and makes her break Amber's prized surf board...Having never experienced anger, Zoey is a ticking time bomb and when Brandon and Madison team up to push her buttons, Zoey starts creating mini-earthquakes around Lightning Point!

Can Amber make Zoey realise that she needs to let her anger out, before she explodes the Diner?





## EPISODES

### 5. GOOD VIBRATIONS

*Directed by Colin Budds, Written by Anthony Morris*

Quadrupeds fascinate Kiki and when she finds out that Luca's horse Bandit has been skittish and dangerous to ride ever since they arrived, she feels terrible. Secretly using her alien powers, Kiki reads Bandit's aura and calms his energy, just in time for Luca to see that Kiki and Bandit now have a special bond. But when Kiki accidentally takes Bandit on a magical ride, she'll need to tread carefully to convince Luca and Brandon that Bandit is no danger – and still keep her secret. While Kiki is connecting with quadrupeds, Zoey tries to connect with the white goods in Amber's house – if humans can do housework, aliens could do it twice as fast, and better too! But Zoey will have a lot of explaining to do when Amber returns home to a house full of rampaging appliances...







## EPISODES

### 6. CRUSHED

*Directed by Colin Budds, Written by Max Dann*

Luca and Kiki have been growing closer and Amber is sick of being stuck in the middle! Finally, Luca asks Kiki out on a date – and Kiki can't wait. Zoey thinks that love is a waste of time and sets off to follow up on some plasma card research, which may help unlock the mystery of why they came to Lightning Point.

When Kiki arrives for the date, Luca is surprised to see what, or who, she brought along. Amber?! Luca is certain that Amber is jealous – and there to spoil the fun. But when Kiki experiences the depth of her feelings for Luca, she starts glowing uncontrollably – and Amber will have to bring the date to an end. Fast. Will Luca buy her excuses?





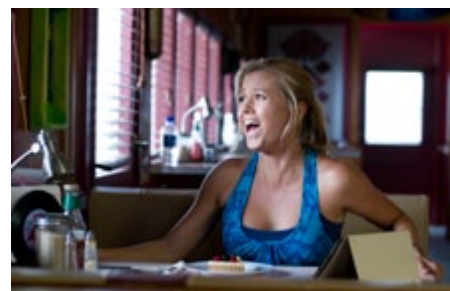
## EPISODES

### 7. ALIEN ABDUCTION

*Directed by Colin Budds, Written by David Hannam*

When Zoey escapes the washing up to recharge her energy, Amber and Kiki think nothing of it – until a big burst of lightning strikes their house. Rushing upstairs, they find Zoey gone. When another bolt of lightning hits the house and tries to communicate with Kiki, she comes to a dark conclusion – Zoey is trapped in the lightning!

Luca's alien hunt has stepped up a notch now that another electrical storm has come to town – the same type of storm as when aliens first visited Lightning Point. After Kiki and Amber lose track of the storm, they realise that to find Zoey, they will have to team up with Luca. Can the girls find Zoey without revealing their secret? Or will time run out when the storm – and Zoey – are blown out to sea?







## EPISODES

### 8. RISKY BUSINESS

*Directed by Colin Budds, Written by Sam Carroll*

Zoey is finding Brandon a challenging surfing adversary. He's even started to compliment her on her moves. But there's one person who doesn't like this change in Brandon – Madison. Zoey is feeling on top of the world, so when Madison casually challenges Zoey to surf the infamous Lighthouse break with her, Zoey accepts. If Madison can do it, why can't she?

But Zoey underestimates the danger of the break and wipes out on her first wave.

She panics – and can't control herself morphing into her true alien form! She escapes before Madison notices, but it was a close call.

Zoey decides that she and Kiki can no longer surf – it's too risky. But when Madison and Brandon fight, Zoey will be the only one around that can save her from the Lighthouse Break. Will Zoey risk it?





## EPISODES

### 9. THE CANE FIELD

*Directed by Colin Budds, Written by Simon Butters*

As Zoey, Kiki and Amber head out to the Benedict cane field, owned by Brandon and Luca's family, Zoey is excited. She can't wait to show Kiki and Amber the energy anomaly she has found, deep inside the cane. But when Zoey and Kiki test the invisible Luminan energy column with their plasma card, the card's own energy field is hijacked. After the dust settles, the trio discover – they're standing in the middle of a huge crop circle.

While the girls try to figure out how to cover it up, they hear a whirring noise overhead – what is that?

Brandon and Luca have discovered it too – and are flying a miniature plane with a camera attached over the intricate symbol.

Luca finally convinces Brandon – this is no human feat. There are aliens in Lightning Point!







## EPISODES

### 10. CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

*Directed by Colin Budds, Written by Sam Carroll*

With Luca and Brandon dangerously close to their secret, Kiki feels that they have no choice but to stick close to them, to find out what they really know. So when Madison throws a birthday party for Brandon, they have no choice but to attend.

Madison is hoping to win Brandon back with her spectacular event, but when Zoey and the girls arrive, her hopes are crushed. Brandon and Zoey are finally having some time alone where Brandon admits to her that he's adopted and feels out of place. Zoey learns they have more in common than she first thought.

While Kiki sticks by Luca, he makes a huge admission – he still has feelings for her! Kiki is swept up in the moment. But when Luca takes her to the crop circle, she thinks the game is up. Instead, Luca kisses Kiki for the first time.





## EPISODES

### 11. CLOSE ENCOUNTER

*Directed by Colin Budds, Written by Max Dann*

Zoey is sick of waiting and decides to take charge of finding a way home. Back at the cane field, Zoey and Amber test out the energy field one more time. It wasn't just there to unlock a symbol; it's a signal pathway that goes straight to Lumina! But while Zoey and Amber are completing their tests, Brandon spies a mysterious energy cloud over the cane field... ALIENS!

Before Zoey and Amber can react, Brandon barrels through the cane. Zoey runs, but makes too much noise and gives away her position. She is forced to morph into plasma form to conceal her identity. And now that Brandon has seen the alien plasma light, he is more even determined to catch them.

Luca and Kiki are closer than ever and after another magical date, Kiki admits to Amber that she's becoming almost human – and perhaps a little sad that they're close to finding a way home.







## EPISODES

### 12. KIKI REVEALED

*Directed by Colin Budds, Written by Anthony Morris*

When a storm is forecast to hit Lightning Point, Zoey and Kiki know it's time – they can send a signal through the lightning, via the energy field and back to Lumina. The trio is sad that their time together is coming to an end as they prepare to leave.

But Luca and Brandon, buoyed by Brandon's recent sighting have a plan to catch the aliens. When the storm comes they will be ready.

As Amber watches the girls send their signal through the lightning, she stumbles backwards. Energy detectors? Amber tries to call out to Kiki and Zoey – it's a trap!

Luca and Brandon sprint through the cane field towards the energy surge. Suddenly, they're blasted back by an invisible force – Luca recovers first and sprints on.

Kiki discovers too late that they've left their plasma card behind and goes to retrieve it, morphing into plasma form. She doesn't realise that Luca has seen the whole thing. He knows she's an alien – and he breaks her heart!





## EPISODES

### 13. SPACE SHIP

*Directed by Colin Budds, Written by Chris Roache*

Kiki and Zoey are anxious – with no reply from Lumina and Luca knowing who they are, they're no longer safe in Lightning Point.

Suddenly, Seargent Mitchell gets a call from the local police station. There's a disturbance at the cane field. Maybe this is the signal they've been waiting for?

But when the girls arrive, they do not see the type of ship they were expecting. A fishing boat, in the middle of the cane field! What could it mean? And how will this get them home? What's worse, Brandon discovered it first and has called the international media – and they still don't know if Luca will keep their secret.

But when Seargent Mitchell reveals to Brandon that this is the same boat his parents disappeared on 13 years ago, Brandon starts to believe that aliens abducted his parents – and that the aliens on Earth could be responsible.



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### 14. DISTRACTED

*Directed by Evan Clarry, Written by Anthony Morris*

Many weeks after the boat was discovered in the cane field, no clues have been found and no further message from Lumina has come. Zoey is frustrated – so she throws herself into surfing. Brandon notices her new energy on the waves and on her behalf, challenges Madison to an impromptu surf comp. But the only way Zoey can win is with Brandon's help. She reluctantly agrees...

Meanwhile, Kiki just cannot believe that the boat doesn't hold more secrets. When Amber and Luca refuse to help her, Kiki ventures to the boatyard alone – and into the domain of old alien hunter Harry Dean.





## EPISODES

### 15. POLES APART

*Directed by Evan Clarry, Written by Simon Butters*

Amber is totally excited when her crush, JOSH has noticed her at school. She's doubly excited when he asks her to help organise a Hawaiian fundraiser party for his basketball team. But when Zoey runs late from a surf lesson with Brandon, Amber accidentally stumbles into Zoey's plasma recharge.

Suddenly, Amber starts affecting gravity! The only way to control the flying objects is to have Zoey next to Amber – all of the time. How can you have a romantic date with your alien best friend tagging along?

And when the trio hit the party, they will have a lot to answer for if Amber starts to take to the skies!







## EPISODES

### 16. FAMILY TIES

*Directed by Evan Clarry, Written by Max Dann*

When Olivia rings Amber about a surprise waiting at home for her, Amber would never have guessed that the surprise was her Dad Keith! Amber's parents may be divorced, but both Amber and Olivia love having Keith back – even Piper is in the family spirit! Kiki and Zoey have never seen Amber so happy. But when Keith gives Amber an early birthday present – plane tickets for Amber to live in Hawaii with him, she is torn. Should she spend time with her Dad, whom she misses dearly, in a tropical paradise? Or should she stay to protect her alien houseguests – and two best friends? Zoey and Kiki don't want to be a burden – perhaps they will have to make the choice for her...





## EPISODES

### 17. ALIEN ATTRACTION

*Directed by Evan Clarry, Written by Carine Chai*

Luca is finally letting his guard down with Kiki again – and soon they're back to their old friendship. When Luca becomes curious about Kiki's alien powers, Kiki wastes no time in showing him some tricks with the plasma card.

Kiki cloaks Brandon's boat, sitting idle in the Benedict Workshop. But after Kiki returns the ship, a strange glow emits from the deck and they finally discover that the boat did hold more secrets – a toy lighthouse.

While Kiki, Luca and Amber try to piece together the significance, Zoey is starting to warm to Brandon more and more. But when he tries to kiss her after a surfing lesson, Zoey bolts from the beach...all the way home!







## EPISODES

### 18. SEE THE LIGHT

*Directed by Evan Clarry, Written by Sam Carroll*

The gang decide not to let Brandon know about the toy lighthouse until they know more about it – except Zoey, whose growing feelings for Brandon make her more sensitive to his needs to reconnect with his parents' past. What harm could it do?

But later that night, when Brandon comes in contact with the lighthouse, a strange, black card floats out from the toy. As Brandon reaches out to touch the card, it emits a searing ray of bright white light and knocks him unconscious!

When strange things start happening to him the next day, Brandon tests out his suspicions. He has alien powers.

But after Brandon shows Luca, he swears him to secrecy. How can he tell his girlfriend that he has found alien technology – and can use it?





## EPISODES

### 19. VANISHED

*Directed by Evan Clarry, Written by Sam Carroll*

Brandon and Zoey are closer than ever and are keen to spend as much time together as possible. When Amber suggests a house party to celebrate the newest couple in Lightning Point, everyone's excited. That is, except Madison. When she arrives at the party, Zoey accepts her "nice girl" act, but Amber, Kiki and especially Brandon can see right through it. When Madison reveals the card at the end of an argument with Brandon, he wishes she would go away – and it happens. Madison has vanished!

Panicked and with nowhere else to go, Luca is forced to reveal Brandon's secret. He has a plasma card. While Kiki and Zoey figure out a way to get Madison back, a bigger question is brewing. How can a human use a plasma card?







## EPISODES

### 20. POWER UP

*Directed by Evan Clarry, Written by Sam Carroll*

Kiki and Zoey are relieved to find out that half-Luminan Brandon can't use the card properly. The only way they can be sure they are out of danger though, is to destroy the card.

But when Zoey is nearly caught by Brandon trying to steal it, Luca has to take matters into his own hands.

Now wary that Luca wants it for himself, Brandon tries harder to crack the code. It is only when Brandon strangely remembers some moments of his childhood that he figures out the key to the card – his own energy. Brandon now thinks he has everything he wants – control of alien technology that will help him catch the real culprits behind his parent's disappearance.





## EPISODES

### 21. HEARTBREAK

*Directed by Evan Clarry, Written by Simon Butters*

With Brandon fully charged, Zoey can't help but feel that Brandon needs to know the truth about her. How can she be his girlfriend and keep lying to him? While Amber teaches a surf class with JOSH's precocious younger brother SEAN, Zoey prepares to tell him – at whatever cost.

But before she can reveal her secret, a storm rolls in over Lightning Point and Brandon excuses himself. He has to go.

While Zoey is left dumbstruck, Luca knows the real reason he rushed off – to use the storm to catch aliens – and recharge so he is at full power.

But Zoey knows that humans, aliens and lightning don't mix. Can she get to Brandon before it's too late?







## EPISODES

### 22. CONNECTIONS

*Directed by Evan Clarry, Written by Anthony Morris*

Brandon is furious with everyone – and especially Zoey – for lying to him. How could they keep a secret like this from him? And how could the Luminan people, Zoey and Kiki's people, abduct his parents?!

When Luca tries to calm him down, Brandon's temper flares – and starts a fire in the middle of the cane field. Luca's horse Bandit is spooked and bolts through the forest, carrying Luca with him. Throwing Luca to the ground, Bandit leaves him unconscious before returning to the farm – where Kiki and Amber are waiting.

Leaping onto Bandit, Kiki is convinced she can find Luca by following Bandit's aura trail. But when the aura trail runs out, Kiki will have to stretch deeper into her energy reserves if she has any chance of finding Luca before nightfall.





## EPISODES

### 23. SURF'S UP

*Directed by Evan Clarry, Written by Max Dann*

The day of the Lightning Point Junior Girls Surfing Competition is here and everyone from Lightning Point is ready to compete. Except Zoey. It's only after Kiki reminds Zoey that she should surf because she loves it and not because of a trophy that Zoey come around – and is ready to win!

Madison will do anything she can to stop Zoey claiming her trophy. But with the scores tied neck and neck just before the last ride, can Zoey find the will to win without Brandon to cheer her on?



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### 24. MELTDOWN

*Directed by Evan Clarry, Written by Sam Carroll*

Brandon is so excited by his alien energy that he starts to re-charge – way too often. Suddenly, in the Diner, Brandon can't help but radiate energy out into the atmosphere – which starts to affect the Diner in supernatural ways. With the whole town gathering outside, Kiki and Zoey are forced to reveal to Brandon that he is half-Luminan – before absorbing the excess energy into their own fields to save him. The force is so strong that the diner is engulfed in white light – and Zoey and Kiki are revealed to everyone in their plasma form.

Luckily, they didn't blow their cover. But with all of Lightning Point witnessing an extraterrestrial explosion, for how much longer can they stay hidden?





## EPISODES

### 25. INVESTIGATION

*Directed by Evan Clarry, Written by David Hannam*

Brandon is finally ready to learn who he truly is. As Zoey speaks to him, she becomes more and more convinced that Brandon has secrets locked inside his memories. If they want a chance of getting home, Zoey will have to coax them out.

Meanwhile, Seargent Mitchell is on the alien trail – and is dangerously close to Brandon's secret. After Seargent Mitchell interrogates Brandon, Zoey, Kiki and Amber are warned to stay away from him. But not before Zoey learns the greatest secret of all – there is a space ship hidden above the ocean near the lighthouse!







## EPISODES

### 26. FLIGHT

*Directed by Evan Clarry, Written by Chris Roache*

Amber, Zoey and Kiki take a last surf of Lightning Point's waves. Zoey and Kiki will miss this place – and Amber – when they leave for Lumina tonight with Brandon. But Seargent Mitchell doesn't lay off a case easily and just as Brandon is recharging, Seargent Mitchell discovers his alien technology. Detaining Brandon and confiscating the boat and card, Seargent Mitchell has put a dampener on the girls' escape, before a hair-raising plan sees Brandon rescued.

But with Brandon now on the run, he makes the biggest decision of his life – to give up his powers and transfer his energy so Zoey and Kiki can leave without him. It's an emotional farewell between Brandon and Zoey before the real battle starts – getting Kiki and Zoey onto the boat and out to the ship. While Brandon creates an extraterrestrial diversion, the real aliens sail the boat to the lighthouse with Luca and Amber's help. But suddenly, a lightning storm hits Lightning Point. Will it be too dangerous to risk searching for the ship with their card? And will there even be a ship to find?





### 3. CHARACTERS



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## CHARACTERS / AMBER

### AMBER

Amber's life is turned completely upside down by the arrival of Zoey and Kiki. Since her parents' divorce she has avoided upheaval – but Zoey and Kiki drag Amber out of her comfort zone and into a series of adventures.

Amber's not a geek but she hasn't got any close girl-friends to share stuff with – her neighbour Luca is her best friend, but there is only so much you can share with a boy. So when Zoey and Kiki arrive in town Amber is secretly pleased to have two female friends to hang out with, even if that does mean running around after them cleaning up the havoc they cause.

Meeting Zoey and Kiki is a steep learning curve for Amber – not only do these girls have higher intellect, advanced technology and alien powers, they don't have a clue about how to handle their newfound human emotions, not to mention their total ignorance of teenage social rules. It's a bit of a challenge to keep their identities secret in a small town like Lightning Point, and for better or worse Amber finds herself covering for them – luckily she has a great sense of humour!

Amber has grown up in Lightning Point, and is a part of the community. Her mother Olivia is the local Police Sergeant, which can be a bit of a challenge when you are harbouring two headstrong aliens! Amber is a keen surfer, and teaches a junior surfing class on the main beach.





## CHARACTERS / AMBER

While she is talented on the board, Amber doesn't have ambition to be a pro-surfer – she lacks the confidence of people like Brandon and Madison. In fact Madison has picked on Amber since they were both in kindergarten – and while Amber is used to not being part of the in-crowd, it does get to her sometimes.

Zoey and Kiki don't just bring complications – they also help Amber come out of her shell and gain confidence. By the end of the series Amber has stopped trying to talk the girls out of their crazy plans, and started to come up with some of her own!

When it comes time for Zoey and Kiki to leave Earth, Amber has almost become an honorary alien – and might just discover the missing link between the alien girls and the missing space ship.







## CHARACTERS / KIKI

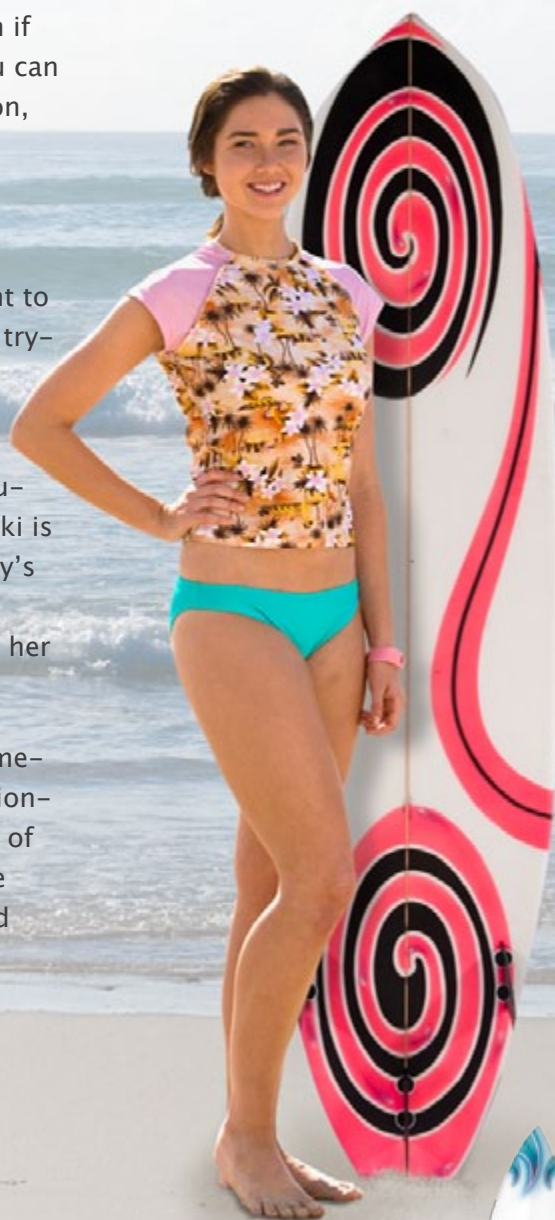
### KIKI

Kiki wants to experience everything Earth can offer: adventure, friendship, surfing, romance. Unlike Zoey, Kiki gets swept along by her emotions, she wants to feel everything – even if her reactions are sometimes a bit out of the ordinary – you can count on Kiki to burst into tears at the slightest provocation, and laugh just as easily.

Kiki is a bit of a dreamer, in tune with the natural world of Lightning Point. She recognises that there is more to their journey than just having fun – that somehow it is important to really understand what it is to be human – and this means trying to connect with the new world around her.

When Kiki discovers she can affect the aura of animals in Lightning Point she is amazed – there are no animals on Lumina so this is something totally new to her. Surfing for Kiki is also about connecting with nature – she doesn't share Zoey's competitive spirit, but is more about being at one with the ocean – an experience that waterless Lumina can't provide her with.

Kiki finds herself falling for Amber's best friend Luca – something she is hesitant to tell Zoey, who disapproves of relationships with humans, believing that it puts them in jeopardy of being discovered. But Kiki is a romantic, and can't help the way she feels, even though she is afraid of how Luca would react if he ever found out the truth.





## CHARACTERS / KIKI

While Kiki loves being on Earth, she often feels homesick for Lumina – and has a sense of responsibility to the people there, especially her family. But as Kiki grows closer to Luca and becomes more and more immersed in the friendships and experiences that Earth has to offer, she finds herself hoping they can stay on Earth a little longer.

Kiki and Zoey sometimes don't see things the same way – there is a lot of playful competitiveness and banter between them. Kiki finds Zoey a bit brash and unthinking at times, and Zoey gets frustrated by Kiki's emotionality and lack of practicality. But Kiki is the only person who can see past Zoey's emotional wall – and deep down she knows she couldn't survive on Earth without her.







## CHARACTERS / ZOEY

### ZOEY

For Zoey, life is all about control. Whether that is controlling a surfboard in the wildest waves, or controlling her emotions, Zoey has got everything sussed – or so she thinks.

Zoey has a pragmatic approach to being stranded on Earth – it was partly her fault, so it is her responsibility to get herself and Kiki home. Zoey won't admit to being homesick – in fact she prefers to pretend she has no feelings at all. For Zoey, the idea of revealing her emotions terrifies her – it makes her vulnerable, and that goes against all of Zoey's instincts. Because she is in denial of her emotions, Zoey tries to keep other people at arm's length – this can make her seem a bit aloof.

Zoey is sassy and rebellious, with a competitive streak. She relishes the challenge surfing offers – for her it isn't about communing with nature but perfecting her technique and conquering the waves. Zoey has a blatant disregard for Earth's social rules – she refuses to play the game. In class she happily corrects the teacher, she crashes parties she isn't invited to and she can be relied on to say exactly the wrong thing at the wrong time.

Zoey is intelligent, sharp and witty – despite sometimes not being able to pick up on other people's emotions. But when someone she cares about needs her, Zoey is the most loyal and protective friend – and always armed with a practical solution to a problem. And though Kiki's mood swings can frustrate Zoey at times, Zoey really values Kiki's friendship, and would do anything for her.





## CHARACTERS / ZOEY

Earth changes Zoey, and though she initially struggles with her new human emotions, as the series progresses she will get in touch with her softer side. She may even need Amber's shoulder to cry on – even though she might be hard on herself afterwards for being vulnerable.

Though Zoey won't admit it, she and Brandon have instant chemistry. His cocky attitude really rubs her up the wrong way – and their competitive outburst on the waves fuels a mutual love/hate relationship. By the second half of the series, Zoey finds herself falling for Brandon against her better judgement. Zoey acknowledges her feelings for the first time – and this makes her vulnerable when it is revealed that the guy she likes is an alien hunter.



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## CHARACTERS / BRANDON

### BRANDON

Brandon is the best male surfer in town, and he knows it. Talented, competitive and good looking, Brandon seems to have it all – including Madison, his girlfriend, the hottest girl in town. But his status quo as Lightning Point's "it" guy is threatened when Zoey arrives – she challenges Brandon's supremacy on the waves, and is just as much of a daredevil as him. They develop a fierce, sparring rivalry, and though neither will admit it, they have intense chemistry. Madison immediately picks up on this and takes a dislike to Zoey.

Brandon's competitiveness is linked to a deep desire to get out of Lightning Point. Brandon has ambitions to become a pro-surfer, to travel and earn lots of money. For Brandon, surfing has nothing to do with spirituality and everything to do with status – it's his ticket to bigger, better things.

Brandon's relationship with his adoptive brother Luca has always been complicated – Brandon sees Luca as a bit of a geek, and Luca thinks Brandon is conceited. Brandon knows very little about his real parents aside from what he has heard from his adoptive parents – they were lost at sea in a tragic boating accident.

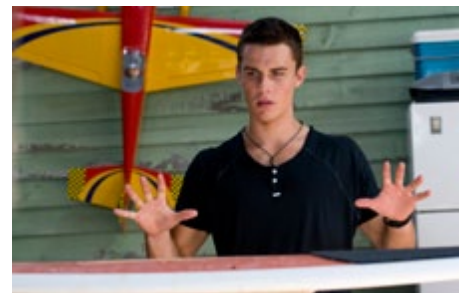
The mysterious discovery of a boat that had been missing since the night of Brandon's parents' disappearance sparks Brandon's investigation into his past.





## CHARACTERS / BRANDON

What he discovers has a huge impact on him – his parents weren't killed, they were abducted by aliens. Armed with this knowledge, Brandon becomes bent on revenge – and his first targets are the aliens that he now believes are hiding out in Lightning Point.







## CHARACTERS / LUCA

### LUCA

Luca is a bit of an outsider in Lightning Point – he doesn't surf, he isn't part of the A-list crowd led by his cocky adopted brother Brandon, and he has a keen interest in extra-terrestrial life – which makes him an easy target for Brandon and his mates. Amber is the only person who really understands Luca – they have been friends and neighbours since they were little.

Luca has a lot to offer – he is kind, thoughtful, and has a sweet nature which immediately attracts Kiki, who sees his potential. Luca and Kiki share an affinity with animals, as well as a connection with the natural world. Luca is also intelligent and studious, with a talent for science and with technology – and is very good at reading people's emotions.

Luca has lived a lot of his life in Brandon's shadow – and though Luca tries to get along with him, Brandon's antagonistic nature makes that tricky. Luca sometimes feels a bit envious of the closeness Brandon has with Luca's dad – especially since Brandon is the adopted child. Luca sees Brandon as overbearing and superficial, and Brandon thinks Luca is a bit of a wimp. This is not the case at all – Luca has a great deal of courage, and is definitely not a pushover – he will stand up for what he believes in no matter what.

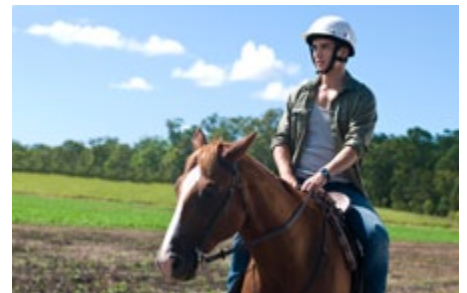
When Zoey and Kiki arrive in Lightning Point, Luca witnesses signs of alien activity, and becomes determined to investigate these occurrences – despite Brandon's teasing. As Luca and Kiki grow closer, Luca's conviction about the presence of aliens becomes stronger – little does he know that the girl he is falling for is from outer-space!





## CHARACTERS / LUCA

When Luca finally does find out the truth about Kiki it jeopardises their relationship – Luca is hurt that she didn't trust him enough to tell him. But eventually they do get back together, and Luca proves himself a worthy ally, especially when his brother Brandon emerges as the real threat to the alien girls.



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## CHARACTERS / MADISON

### MADISON

Madison is the self-proclaimed queen of the waves in Lightning Point, and is the centre of a formidable social circle which includes her cocky boyfriend Brandon and her best friend Gina. She is a surfer, but more for her image than a real love of the ocean. Madison comes from a rich, influential family in Lightning Point, and is not used to being told “no”.

Madison is quick to judge, closed-minded and vain. But she is also intelligent, charming and inventive – traits she usually uses to get what she wants. Madison has always looked down her nose at Amber. When Zoey and Kiki turn up, Madison’s delicate social hierarchy is threatened – not only does Amber suddenly have cool friends, but Zoey seems to have chemistry with Brandon, and Madison is definitely not going to stand for that.

Madison will have to learn to adapt, because Zoey and Kiki are not about to be told where to sit in Mia’s Diner, or who they are allowed to talk to. Under Madison’s perfectly-manicured exterior is a person who has some serious self-doubt: Madison may seem to have created the perfect little world for herself – but does she actually have any talent or any real friends? When Madison dumps Brandon and finds herself alone, she begins to question herself. Zoey and Kiki help challenge Madison’s supremacy, giving Amber the courage she needs to stand up to her, and making Madison realise that there is more to life than being a big fish in a small pond.







## 4. CAST



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## 4.1. KEY CAST

AMBER MITCHELL

ZOEY

KIKI

LUCA BENEDICT

BRANDON BENEDICT

MADISON

OLIVIA MITCHELL

LIAM

GINA

MIA

JOSH

MR PHILLIPS

PIPER

BANDIT

Philippa Coulthard

Lucy Fry

Jessica Green

Kenji Fitzgerald

Andrew J. Morley

Paige Houden

Simone Bennett-Smith

Reece Milne

Da Yen Zheng

Lia Fisher

Erin Mullally

Anthony Standish

the Dog Java

the Horse Elmo



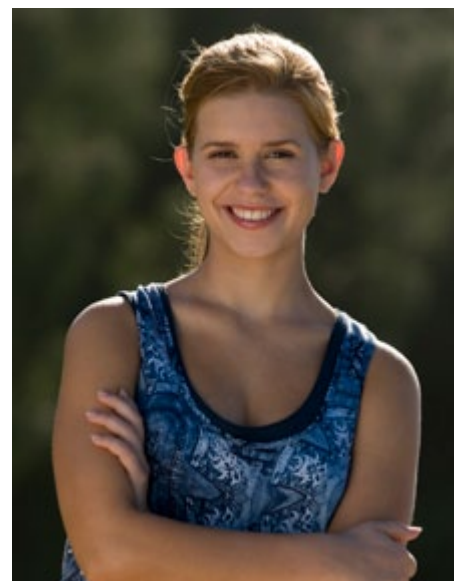


## 4.2. PRINCIPAL CAST

### PHILIPPA COULTHARD AS AMBER

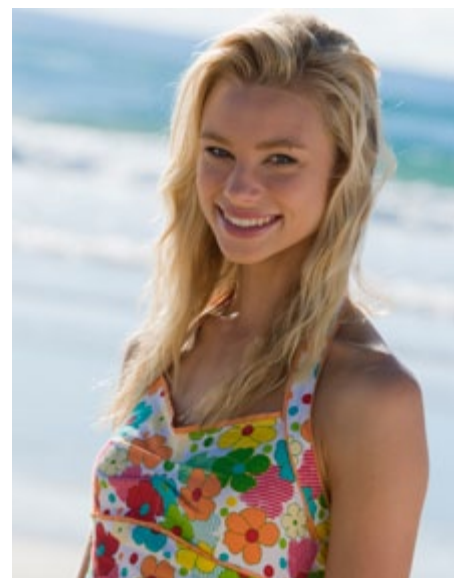
Philippa Coulthard has been on stage since the age of four when, in 1996 she commenced dance classes at Promenade Dance School. Philippa has performed ever since and is trained in singing, acting and ballet, contemporary and jazz styles of dance.

Philippa's breakthrough television role came with a lead in the DR WHO spin series K9, playing Jorjie Turner. While finishing Year 12 at Hillbrook Anglican School in Brisbane, Philippa landed the role of Amber Mitchell in Jonathan M. Schiff's latest internationally distributed programme, Lightning Point.



### LUCY FRY AS ZOEEY

Learning to surf was all in a day's work for Lucy Fry who scored the coveted role of Zoey, a teen alien from the planet Lumina disguised on Earth. When Lucy discovered that she shared a passion for the ocean with her character, she threw herself into training – and has done most of Zoey's surfing sequences herself! Training in theatre from an early age and most recently with Brisbane-based physical theatre company ZEN ZEN ZO, Lucy's leap to film has excited and challenged her – she is very proud of her work on Lightning Point and can't wait for her next on-screen role.







## 4.2. PRINCIPAL CAST

### JESSICA GREEN AS KIKI

Before landing the role of Kiki on Lightning Point, Jessica was a highly sought-after commercial model and has been featured in campaigns for Billabong, Lisa Blue Swimwear, 2Chillies Swimwear, Nike, Triumph and Cellini. In 2011, Jessica was named as the Face of Swim Show Australia and has also been the face of other Australian campaigns such as Triumph, Schwarzkopf and Goddess Hair. Her transition to film was a dream come true for Jessica. Her passion is acting and she revels in the opportunity to be active on screen – so the surfing, horse-riding teen alien Kiki was her perfect role!



### KENJI FITZGERALD AS LUCA

Kenji is an actor, a musician, songwriter, martial artist and dancer. During his time at the National Institute for Dramatic Arts (class of 2009), Kenji performed in a variety of stage performances such as OUT OF REACH, JOURNEY THROUGH THE WORLD OF MOLIERE, UNPLUGGED and THE KITCHEN. He starred in and composed the score for short film CROW TRAPPED in 2009 and performed as a singer, guitarist and drummer for various gigs around Australia and Japan between 2006 and 2010. Kenji's role in Lightning Point as Luca was his first long-form drama series.

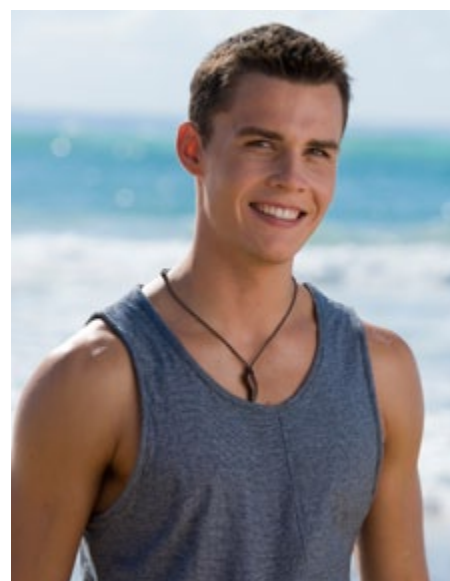




## 4.2. PRINCIPAL CAST

### ANDREW J. MORLEY AS BRANDON

Andrew will soon be seen on the silver screen starring as Brandon in Jonathan Shiff's latest series Lightning Point, which will be screened on Network Ten and Nickelodeon Australia. This is Andrew's first break through role since he commenced training at the Melbourne branch of the Film & Television Studio International. This looks to be a strong start to a very promising acting career ahead for the 21 year old.



### PAIGE HOUDEN AS MADISON

As a professional surfer on the Junior and World circuits, Paige Houden's skillsets couldn't be better matched with her character of Madison on Lightning Point. Her considerable surfing talent brought a great credibility to the character of Madison, who is the local surfing champion of Lightning Point. Previous roles include MASEY from BLUE WATER HIGH, and CINDY and FLEUR on HOME AND AWAY. In 2011, Paige will continue her studies with the Screen Actors Short Course at the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA).



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## 5.2. CREATOR AND PRODUCER

### JONATHAN M. SHIFF

Jonathan M. Shiff founded Jonathan M. Shiff Productions in 1988, establishing an innovative and independent boutique production house, which has quickly become a world leader in children's television programming.

The company has an impressive catalogue of drama and documentary series, including the OCEAN GIRL and THUNDERSTONE, both of which claimed BAFTA Awards for Best Childrens' International Programme in 1998 and 1999 respectively. Other critically acclaimed programmes include WICKED SCIENCE and H2O: JUST ADD WATER, which have been sold to more than 170 territories worldwide.

Shiff has personally been awarded the 2002 Australian Institute of Export Heroes of Export Award for Screen Production, the 2001 Screen Producers of Australia (SPAA) Children's Producer of the Year Award and the 2010 Victorian Export Award for Arts and Entertainment. In 2008, Jonathan won the Australian TV WEEK LOGIE AWARD for Most Outstanding Children's Programme for H2O: JUST ADD WATER SERIES 2 and in 2009 for THE ELEPHANT PRINCESS.

## 5.3. CO-PRODUCER

### STUART WOOD

Stuart Wood has been working in film and television since 1980, variously as an Assistant Director, Writer, Producer and Director. Stuart has been part of the JMSP team since 2005, most recently Co-Producing the childrens' series Lightning Point.



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### COLIN BUDDS

*Director Episodes 1 – 13*

Colin Budds is a film and television director with 25 years mainstream experience. He has worked extensively for both local and international producers over a wide range of genres sharing the set with Hollywood stars and wide eyed newcomers alike, from action feature films for Paramount Pictures, adult dramas, MISSION IMPOSSIBLE and THE LOST WORLD to the locally produced, THE FLYING DOCTORS and STINGERS.

Colin has won prestigious BAFTA awards for Best Children's Drama in '89 and '90, the US Nickelodeon Award, Chicago Film Festival and has been nominated for four AFI awards.

### EVAN CLARRY

*Director Episodes 14 – 26*

Evan Clarry has been a film and television director for over ten years. His career began with the short film, MATE, winner of several national awards including an Australian Film Institute Award for Best Screenplay and Best film at the prestigious Flickerfest and St Kilda Film Festivals.

He went on to direct two feature films, BLURRED, in 2002 and UNDER THE RADAR in the following year.

He was a director on the Emmy-nominated children's television series, MORTIFIED as well as ANDREW'S GUIDE FOR MEN for the ABC. He has written and directed for theatre and film and his short works have screened in festivals around the world.

He currently lives in Brisbane, Queensland with his wife and daughter.



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