Local students learn all the right moves

By Erin Williams

A GROUP of regional students are preparing to perform with a cast of 2000 in this year’s Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

The first of the regional rehearsals was held in Ballarat recently and involved students from Yuille Park Community College, Ballarat Secondary College, Willaura Primary School, St Arnaud Secondary College and Mt Clear College.

Ballarat Secondary College has set up a Wannik dance academy consisting of 20 Koori girls from the school’s East and Wendouree campuses, and three girls from Sebastopol Secondary College.

They will represent the school at the production.

Wannik leader Sue Broadway said the state and federal government academy was designed to engage Koori girls from years seven to 10 with their schooling.

Ms Broadway said the theme of this year’s Victorian State Schools Spectacular was ‘shine on’ and would involve 2000 primary and secondary school students.

The production will be held at Melbourne’s Hisense Arena on September 18 and 19. It is produced by the Department of Education and Early Childhood and Development’s performing arts initiative, JOINING the CHORUS.