Crooning parts for pair

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away from everything

ELTHAM High School's Dean Schultz is a gleeck and damn proud of it.
The year 12 student confessed he loved to sing along to television show Glee's renditions of Beyonce, Lady Gaga and even Neil Diamond.
“I love Glee,” he said.
“I definitely sing along and I’m proud of it.”
Follow year 9 student Adam Witbooi is more likely to be found gigging alternative soft-rock at his local pub on a Thursday night. “Oh no, I don’t watch Glee,” he said.

Despite their very different tastes in music, the pair have been picked to put their singing talents to the test as part of the 33-member principal cast of Shine On 2010: Victorian State Schools Spectacular.
The massive production set for September 18 and 19 will feature more than 2600 students, including a 100-piece orchestra, 1100-voice choir, 1100 dancers, 33 vocalists, 20 back-up singers, 60 cheerleaders, 15 circus performers, 10 puppeteers and 130 specialty dancers from 110 schools across Victoria.
Dean, who has been singing since he was eight years old and – like Adam – will sing solo parts in the production, said he loved musical theatre and was thrilled to have made it through the rigorous and nerve-racking auditions.
“Singing is just something that I can enjoy and it takes me away from everything else,” Dean said. “I’m just hoping to have a really good time and a good performance.”
Adam said he had been singing for about three years, helped along with some singing lessons.
Dean said he hoped to pursue a career in musical theatre while Adam said his ambition was to sing in a band.
St Helena Secondary College student Taylor Penrose has also been selected as part of the production’s principal cast.

Eltham High School students Dean Schultz and Adam Witbooi are taking part in the state schools spectacular.