Students set for spectacular

TWO Geelong students will play leading roles in this year’s Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

Jack O’Riley, in year 12 at Western Heights Secondary College, and Shani Clarke, in year nine at Geelong High School, will help lead the show, which features 2600 of the state’s top young singers, dancers and musicians.

Shine On, to be held on September 18 and 19 at Melbourne’s Hisense Arena, will feature 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 state schools across Victoria.

Shine On tells a story about friendship and triumph in the face of adversity, told through a narrative of dance and music including Jason Mraz’s I’m Yours, The Verve’s Bitter Sweet Symphony and Beethoven.

Education Minister Bronwyn Pike said the show was a chance for the state’s budding performers to show their ability.

“The Spectacular gives every student the chance to show their performance skills and put on a breathtaking show,” Ms Pike said.