Getting ready to really shine

STUDENTS from around the region strutted their stuff last week in a mass dance rehearsal for the Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

Dance director Mark Laguerre ran a regional dance rehearsal at Frankston Basketball Stadium for 200 children.

On stage were students of Rosebud secondary, Pakenham consolidated, Springvale Heights primary, Hampton Park primary, Hampton Park secondary, Fountain Gate secondary, River Gum primary, Lyndale primary and Lyndale secondary.

More than 2500 school children from across the state will take to the stage at Hisense Arena, Melbourne Park, on September 18 and 19 for three shows. This year’s production: Shine On 2010, is a story about respect, friendship and triumph in the face of adversity told through a narrative of dance and music. The song and dance extravaganza will feature a 1100-voice choir, 1100 dancers, 33 vocalists, 20 back-up singers, a 100-piece orchestra.

Spectacular effort: Mark Laguerre puts children through their paces in a rehearsal for the State Schools Spectacular.

Picture: Gary Sissons

60 cheerleaders, 15 puppeteers and specialty acts from 188 government schools.

Tickets from Ticketek on 132 849. Cost: $27.50 (adult), $22.50 (concession) and $14 (18 and under).

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