The wait is now over for local Rainbow Secondary School student Mariel Macaliriao. She has made cut and will join the principal cast along with 32 other Victorian school students in one of Australia’s biggest theatrical productions – Shine On 2010.

The Spectacular - to be held on September 18 and 19 at Hisense Arena – will feature nearly 2,600 of the state’s finest young singers, dancers and musicians that will include: a 100 piece orchestra, 1,100-voice choir, 1,100 dancers, 33 vocalists, 20 back-up singers, 60 cheerleaders, 15 circus performers, 10 puppeteers and 130 specialty dancers from 110 Government schools across Victoria.

Shine On tells a story about friendship and triumph in the face of adversity through a narrative of dance and music.

Education Minister Bronwyn Pike visited rehearsals on the 17th of April, congratulating the cast of Shine On 2010 by stating “The Spectacular gives every student the chance to show their performance skills and put on a breathtaking show.”

“Whether you are a seasoned performer in a feature role, or new to the stage, participating in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular will be an unforgettable experience.” Ms Pike said.

Tickets for three shows at Hisense Arena on September 18 and 19 are available at Ticketek on 132 849 at $27.50 (adult), $22.50 (concession) and $14 (18 and under).

For more information, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular

Pictured with Education Minister Bronwyn Pike; Rainbow Secondary School student Mariel Macaliriao will be performing in one of Australia’s biggest theatrical productions.