Students right on song

By Chloe Warburton

Kyabram P-12 College students will be among thousands raising their voices for next month’s Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

This year’s event, themed as Shine On 2010, will bring together 2500 Victorian school students in a show packed with dance, music and song.

It will feature electric special effects, puppetry and circus tricks set to music from Beethoven and Vivaldi, Michael Jackson and Pink.

There’s also eye-catching costumes, with designer Isaac Lummis using more than 6000 m of sequins, chiffon and velvet.

On Wednesday, the Kyabram P-12 students rehearsed feverishly, going through dance moves and learning songs such as Man In The Mirror and Rhythm of Life, as well as the national anthem Advance Australia Fair.

Year 11 student Luke Meeking was chosen as one of the 33-strong principal cast and said the State Schools Spectacular was a great way for young performers to get experience.

“For the kids, it’s a big chance to experience how a stage show like this works,” he said.

“We rehearse for ages and then to get down there and do it in front of thousands of people is just amazing.

“For me, doing something on such a big show means you see all the moving parts come together — thousands of students moving in time to the same music. It’s a pretty awesome experience.”

Kyabram student James Davies will also feature as a drummer in the orchestra and McGuire College Year 8 student Christina Hatzinikolas will join Luke in the principle cast.

The Victorian State Schools Spectacular will take place on September 18 and 19 at Hisense Arena in Melbourne. Tickets range from $14 to $27.50 and can be bought from Ticketek on 132 849. For more details, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular.

Colourful rehearsal: Sarah McMahon, front, and fellow Kyabram P-12 College students rehearse for the upcoming Victorian State Schools Spectacular.