Spectacular show

Students put best their foot forward for dance event

By Hannah Knight

A GROUP of Sunraysia dancers are getting ready to shine.

Twenty Mildura Senior College students will put their best foot forward for this year’s Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

Dance director Mark Laguerre visited the school earlier this week, putting the dancers through their paces.

“It’s coming together really well,” Mr Laguerre said.

This year we took the theme of Shine On, so it’s all about working, persevering, overcoming difficulties and celebrating.

There’s a dramatic narrative that tells the story of a young girl who leaves Japan and her love and comes across to a new world.

“There she finds herself a new love and a new land.”

The Sunraysia students will join a cast of 2500 Victorian students for three shows at Hisense Arena in Melbourne on September 18 and 19.

The song and dance extravaganza will feature a 1100 person choir, 1100 dancers, 33 vocalists, 20 back up singers, a 100–piece orchestra, 20 cheerleaders and 155 puppeteers from 188 Victorian Government schools.

Mildura Senior College dance teacher Belinda Hudak said the Schools Spectacular was a fantastic opportunity for students to show off their talents.

“The college has been involved since the ‘90s,” she said.

“It’s just great for them to be involved in a production of that scale.”

Mrs Hudak said participants were selected through school–based auditions.

“We only take a team of 20 and then we start rehearsals,” she said.

“We get the dances on DVD and the students learn them off the DVD.”

After learning their routines and rehearsing as a group, students met up with the rest of the cast a few months ago.

“They’re going down again next Friday for a full dress rehearsals so it’s all happening,” Mrs Hudak said.
DANCE: Louella Hogan, 16, and fellow Mildura Senior College students rehearse for the event.

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