TOTOLLY COMMITTED: The yellow brick road now leads to Bundoora. Parade College students including Jack Turner (Tin Man), Nicholas Kyriacou (Scarecrow) and Joseph Lotesto (Cowardly Lion), pictured, are preparing for their performances of The Wizard of Oz musical this week. And it all should go without a hitch, given the cast has been rehearsing since February. Report, p28

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The Wizard of Oz is ready after whirlwind of rehearsals

Musical director Martin Macaulay said rehearsals for the show, which started in February, had built up to a frenetic pace. "It started a little slow, as it always does, with the cast learning songs and dialogue," Macaulay said.

"We rehearsed twice a week after school and during school holidays and it grew to choreographing scenes, then the sets. The past week has been frantic." Macaulay said the production, which premiered on Friday, was true to the original story of Dorothy's adventures in the land of Oz after her home is whisked away by a tornado.

 Casting members, including girls from Northeaster's Santa Maria College, had immersed themselves into the characters. "The cast has been brilliant," he said.

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WHAT: The Wizard of Oz
WHERE: Rivergum Theatre, Bundoora
WHEN: June 2-4, 7:30pm
COST: $25
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