

Rising superstar in *La bohème*

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ASPIRING performer Harry Hendel, a year 5 student from Bialik College, is currently appearing in Opera Australia's production of *La bohème* until Saturday, May 28.

Performing as part of the children's choir in the opera, he was selected with four other young singers.

Passionate about performing arts, Hendel has been a member of the National Boys Choir of Australia since year 1, where he has had the opportunity to perform at prestigious concerts and events.

His highlights in his budding career have been singing the national anthem for the Australian Open and Grand Prix with the choir, as well as several concerts at Hamer Hall.

Discussing this role in *La bohème*, Hendel said, "I was lucky enough to be put forward to audition for *La bohème* by both my agent and my choir, as everyone thought it would be perfect for me to do it at this stage.

"I am absolutely loving being involved in such an amazing production of such a famous opera."

While a talented singer, Hendel also plays violin and piano and is part



Harry Hendel prepping for another performance of Opera Australia's *La bohème*.

of Bialik's orchestra, as well as a staple performer in the school's musicals.

His father Ron Hendel gushed over his son's performance in *La bohème* and said, "We think it is wonderful that from such a young age Harry has known what he wants to do and has the passion to pursue it.

"We are very proud of his performance in his first opera – and the speed with which he learned to sing in Italian!"

To see Harry Hendel in *La bohème*, visit www.artscentremelbourne.com.au.