St Ignatius students Spencer and Jess, both 16, will take on the title roles of Danny and Sandy in the college’s production of the hit musical Grease, see Page 8.

Hopelessly devoted to show

James Gratto

TAKING a step back into the 1950s world of fast cars, slicked-back hair and leather jackets was easy for Jess Muenchow and Spencer Fullgrabe.

The Year 11 St Ignatius students will step into the shoes of Sandy Olsson and Danny Zuko as a part of the school’s production of Grease the Musical. Jess, 16, is looking forward to taking on the role, famously played by Olivia Newton-John in the 1978 film.

“I’ve been in love with the musical for a very long time and it is just super exciting to be Sandy,” Jess says.

“It is one of my favourite musicals. I have probably watched it 13 or 14 times.”

Spencer, 16, has been practising the production’s songs at home in secret so he can surprise his parents on opening night.

“I have actually been keeping it kind of secret from Mum so she can see it all unfold when she gets there on the night,” Spencer says. “There are so many adults from our parents’ generation that are so familiar with the movie and the musical.”

The school has restored a 1953 Morris Minor to be used in the production.

St Ignatius arts director Maria Minucci is proud of the cast’s commitment.

“We really have a talented community of students here and they have all given 100 per cent,” Ms Minucci says. Grease the Musical is at Richard Flynn Theatre, 2 Manresa Ct, Athelstone, from Friday.

Tickets are available from the school on 8334 9300.
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