

## OPERA RECOUNT

I arrived at school at 6:30pm, to see a very fancy bus parked outside. I found to my disbelief that it was ours. Inside the bus blue lights glared around making it look like a tour bus. It also had footrests, sockets, tables and cushions. It was a good turnout Leo, Anne, Lauren, Alex, Joseph, Claire, Susan, Brigid, Úna, Harry, Patricia and Andrew all came. Ms Keevers watched us. I'm sure you could hear us chanting in the bus from a mile away. Even the singing made us more excited.

As we turned the corner nearing Lismore I got my first glimpse of the castle. I was spell bound it was so beautiful, painted up like a picture. Even the weather contributed to the image. As we journeyed up through the garden, even I could smell the scent of the flowers and herbs through a blocked nose. I could nearly taste them. The cool, breeze blew against my arms. I took my seat as the performance began

My eyes were immediately drawn to the scenery it was so beautiful. All of a sudden I heard the sound of singing, my eyes darted to the opposite side of the stage to see an elegantly dressed woman. She was extremely slim. Her long hair tied into an elegant knot and wrapped around her shoulders, reminded me of a Disney princess. Mustafa's voice boomed around the stables very intimidatingly I watched the whole performance enthralled. It was called L'Italiana in Algeri. It was mainly about this Italian woman called Isabella who pretended to like this Algerian man and outwitted him in the end. Her previous boyfriend meets her at Mustafa's home, his name is Lindor. Mustafa tries to hook his wife Elvira up with Lindor but he fails and Isabella and Lindor get away. In the end Mustafa softens up a bit.

My favourite part of the experience was the costumes, the soft looking fabrics and the way they sparkled in the moonlight.

I was tired after the performance. Alex and I played in the tent for a while. The moon looked stunning pouring down on your face. The rest was a daze because I was so tired. But it was so much fun. By Cordelia Tarrant

