



**Ryan Pearson hopes to continue his involvement with the Aboriginal Dance Company.**

## Raw dance talent

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Ryan has been thrilled by the opportunities his involvement in the Aboriginal Dance Company has given him.

He hopes to be involved again in the annual placement next year.

It was Chatham High teacher Mrs Jenny Fotheringham who brought Ryan's attention to a dance ensemble he might like to try out for.

He made a DVD of his dancing and sent it off for consideration.

Ryan missed out on that group but someone with knowledge of the Aboriginal Dance Company passed it on to the relevant people, who then approached Mrs

Fotheringham to ask if Ryan might be interested.

He was and went for a workshop in Grafton from which he was selected to go on a 'hot list'.

About 50 young people were on that list and from them, he was one of only 23 from across the State to be accepted.

"I was pretty happy".

Mrs Fotheringham also gave him the information for the NAISDA auditions.

The NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company is an initiative in partnership with Bangarra Dance Theatre and aims to foster the development of talented Aboriginal students in dance.