



Tennant talent on show

FOUR dancers from Tennant Creek were chosen to take part in Beyond Empathy's Dance Camp in Sydney.

For Helena Dawson, Natasha May, Chris Kidd and Telvin Clegg, the journey to Sydney came about because they had been involved in Beyond Empathy's arts-based projects in Tennant Creek for several years and had shown talent for the performing arts.

The five-day camp was directed by Morganics and long-

time Beyond Empathy dance mentor Travers Ross, who helped the dancers develop an original and innovative performance piece called *Here I Am*.

The work tells the story of young people finding their place in the world. The choreography combined contemporary forms of dance, including hip hop and break dance, among others.

The Tennant dancers joined 12 other dance camp participants, handpicked from Armidale, Bowraville and NSW

Far North Coast projects.

The young dancers spent five days rehearsing with a creative team of noted professional artists including Nicole Iovine (Lamb), Tammie Jarrett, Jason Winters and Chris Merriman.

All the camp's activities were filmed by Ming D'Arcy, with sound by Dylan Shepherd.

Beyond Empathy is a not-for-profit organisation that uses the arts to improve the lives of disadvantaged young people.



□ The Beyond Empathy dancers, with four young people from Tennant Creek — Helena Dawson (seated far left), Natasha May, (front row with white face paint), Chris Kidd (back row, 5th from right in red cap) and Telvin Clegg (back row, far right)