



MEET THE TEAM · SUPPORT WORKER

CHRIS

Grounded, patient, and here to meet people where they are - bringing lived experience and a real understanding of what it feels like to not quite "get it" the first time.



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A peer supporter with lived autism experience and three young kids of his own - drawn to ESports Collective because of the way it makes space for people who don't always fit the standard mould.

A LITTLE ABOUT ME

HI, I'M CHRIS

I'm a Support Worker at ESports Collective and someone who values real connection, shared experiences, and helping people feel understood in their own journey. Outside of work, life is pretty full - I play footy for the Paynesville Football and Netball Club, which keeps me connected to my community and gives me a good outlet to reset. I'm also a regular at Star Corps in Bairnsdale where I play Magic: The Gathering - for both the strategy and the social side. At home I've got three young kids, so things are busy, energetic, and always interesting.

A FEW QUICK FACTS

FACTS ABOUT ME

- » DAD TO THREE YOUNG KIDS
- » MAGIC: THE GATHERING REGULAR
- » STRATEGY AND SOCIAL GAMING
- » PLAYS FOOTY FOR PAYNESVILLE
- » HIGH-FUNCTIONING AUTISM
- » GROUNDED, REAL CONNECTION

WHERE I'M COMING FROM

MY LIVED EXPERIENCE

I'm diagnosed with high-functioning autism, and growing up I found school especially challenging - particularly when it came to understanding social cues and navigating interactions with others. Those early experiences weren't always easy, but they've shaped how I see the world and how I connect with people today. Because I've lived through those challenges myself, I understand how complex and overwhelming things can feel - especially when it seems like everyone else just "gets it." That perspective helps me meet people where they're at, without judgment, and with genuine patience.

WHY ESports COLLECTIVE

WHY I'M HERE

What motivates me in this role is being able to use my own life experience to support others - it gives meaning to the struggles I've worked through. If I can help someone else navigate their own challenges a bit easier, feel more understood, or build confidence in themselves, that's what it's all about. I aim to be someone people can relate to: someone who listens, understands, and supports them in a way that feels real and grounded.

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