



MEET THE TEAM · SUPPORT WORKER

JOEL

Hosts D&D, runs game servers in his spare time, and here to use gaming to help people feel less alone.



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A natural community-builder who runs D&D games and gaming servers for fun - drawn to ESports Collective because using gaming for real social connection is exactly what he already does.

A LITTLE ABOUT ME

HI, I'M JOEL

I'm a Support Worker at ESports Collective. I grew up in Deer Park in Melbourne's western suburbs before moving to East Gippsland when I was 13, and I've been here for 8 years now - I genuinely love the natural beauty of the area. I'm a tabletop and video game enthusiast, and outside of work I volunteer to host D&D campaigns and run an Ark server, because I just like building places for people to hang out. Hearing about ESports Collective using gaming to encourage social connection lit me up - it's the same thing I'd been doing for free, except now it's a job.

A FEW QUICK FACTS

FACTS ABOUT ME

- » 22 YEARS OLD
- » EAST GIPPSLAND 8 YEARS
- » RUNS HIS OWN ARK SERVER
- » NEURODIVERGENT (ADHD)
- » HOSTS D&D CAMPAIGNS
- » PLAYS RIMWORLD AND HALO

WHERE I'M COMING FROM

MY LIVED EXPERIENCE

When I moved to East Gippsland and started homeschooling, connecting with people was tough at first. I reached out to others my age online and through video games, which is how I met most of my closest friends today. Moving through 7 different suburbs in 8 years made finding somewhere to belong genuinely hard, and being neurodivergent (I have ADHD) I understand the anxiety that comes with simple tasks and routines that look easy from the outside. Gaming stretched my vocabulary as a kid when school didn't engage me, and nowadays it's a huge part of my social life - which is exactly why I want to help build that for other people.

WHY ESPORTS COLLECTIVE

WHY I'M HERE

I naturally gravitate towards creating social groups and building connections - I host D&D games and run gaming servers because I love making fun environments for other people. What I want most for participants is to learn emotional expression, and that's something that can only really be fostered around people who care. I get to bring out the sides of myself I didn't know were valuable, and help others discover that in themselves too.

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