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FINN'S STORY

Finn is profoundly deaf and had cochlear implant surgery aged 14 months. After struggling in mainstream school, Finn now attends Knightsfield - a specialist deaf school where golf is funded as part of the curriculum by the Kate & Justin Rose Foundation in conjunction with Essendon Country Club. This project has shown Finn that golf offers more than just playing the game. Inspired by the team at Essendon, Finn has just completed Work Experience at the club and now wants to turn his passion into a career.

OUR ROLE

The Kate and Justin Rose Foundation provides funding to enable Essendon Country Club to deliver weekly golf sessions to hearing-impaired students from Knightsfield School. The club receives 45 students each term and the children are flourishing. Essendon has created a safe, inviting environment and a program that supports their integration into the golf club community. Staff and members have even learned some sign language to aid this transition.

UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

KYLE (THE COACH)

"When Finn expressed an interest in seeing what it would be like to work here I was more than happy to help. He's developing into a great golfer and confident young man. Finn is a wonderful example of how the funding is directly impacting young people's lives. We have helped Finn to develop his love of the game, but more importantly he is a great example of our own values here at Essendon. We have shown him that golf is welcoming and can offer more than just the playing opportunities. I think Finn is a great role model for the rest of the school and I can't wait to see how he progresses."

ELAINE, ESSENDON CC

"The funding from the KJRF provides a fantastic opportunity for SEN pupils who can struggle with large group activities. The small group and outdoor setting are particularly beneficial for deaf children and their sensory needs. We see such joy in everything they do at Essendon."

FINN (THE PUPIL)

"For my work experience I was an assistant to Dan, a golf coach. I spent time out on the course collecting golf balls and travelled in the golf buggy which is always fun. I also learned how to restore golf clubs by repairing the rubber strip handles and organised the golf bags. I would like to be an Assistant Coach one day."

MARK (THE PARENT)

"Spending time enjoying a sport he loves has been great for his personal development. The pride he has in improving his golf ability has boosted his confidence too. Having the opportunity to turn that passion to play into work experience has really inspired Finn to think about a future career in golf."

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