

Chance to Shine

Scholarship Success Story

Billy*, 10 years

Chance to Shine Scholarship Recipient



Billy's basketball uniform keeps him part of the team and playing the sport he loves



Billy is a young person who has faced significant and complex health challenges, requiring a feeding tube, multiple medications, and ongoing care. These needs have kept him from playing sport for many years, limiting opportunities for social engagement and confidence building.

Thanks to recent changes to his medications, Billy has been able to join an 'all abilities' basketball team during the week, the sport he loves and had long hoped to be able to play. This opportunity has been transformational for Billy, helping him develop social skills, build confidence, and feel connected to his local community.

Despite these positive steps, Billy's NDIS funding was cut in half due to an administrative error, leaving him without essential supports for therapy, medical needs, and daily living. Not wanting to see Billy excluded from essential supports or the activities he loves, his carers have been covering costs that far exceed their carer allowance. While the Department provided some funding for school holiday programs, they could not fund Billy's basketball uniform or season fees.

With support from a Chance to Shine scholarship, Billy's carer has been reimbursed for the cost of his basketball uniform, ensuring he could start the season and feel part of the team. This assistance means Billy can continue playing through the current season, and enjoy the confidence boost, social connections, and a sense of belonging that come with playing sport.

* Names changed for privacy