**Blind Cricket Experience Transcript**

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**Scott:** Blind Cricket experience that we’re taking into the local schools is a disability awareness program where we hope to showcase the game of blind Cricket to the young kids and make them aware that mainstream sports can be played by people with a disability. The program basically is about the kids having a go, putting on some experimental glasses and then trying to bowl and bat. I think having a go is the best way that the kids can experience and understand disability.

**Child:** Are you ready batsman ? Yes ! Play !

**Scott:** It’s got the same rules as normal cricket, played with 11 people. You can still get out the normal ways. But there’s a few different rules that have been modified so the game of cricket can be inclusive for everyone. The program is pretty effective because kids love sport and the blind cricket is a challenge to kids and therefore they try and do their best. And I think that’s the best way to get that inclusivity about disability sports with the kids, to give them a go and let them experience it.

**Child:** Ready batsman ? Yes. Play ! Nice job! I think the best thing about the blind cricket program was that we got to step into other people’s shoes and see how they can play blind cricket while they’re blind. You get to experience how other people feel. Some of the things I have learnt is that some people are blinder than other people playing blind cricket. I think to make the school more accessible for people with disability is make the tables a bit lower.

**Chris:** Kids favourite part of the program is batting. Everyone wants to bat but these days in the vision impaired cricket bowling is a big factor. And it’s not just a matter of rolling in the ball. There’s a bit of communication that has to happen so people with a vision impairment know what’s going on.

**Child:** Are you ready batsman ? Yes ! Play ! If I saw someone getting picked on with a disability I would go ask them if they wanted to come play with me. Maybe we could learn more about disabilities and help them ? Are you ready batsman ? Yep ! Play !

**Chris:** I’d like the program to go national, to be honest and give all kids an opportunity to participate in something they probably wouldn’t never come across.