"It was obvious – and lovely – to see that the girls had developed a close bond with Freya over the weekend... because they put Freya’s needs first... It was wonderful to see all these young men and women working tirelessly and generously with children who have a high level of complex needs.

We were so touched by the two outstanding young women that looked after Freya. It gives us great faith in the next generation."

Deb, John and Mia Williamson

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About the Sony Foundation Australia

Sony Foundation Australia is the charitable arm of the Sony Group of Companies operating in Australia. Over the past decade the Sony Foundation have supported a range of charitable organisations who offer innovative solutions to the variety of social problems youth face, including serious illness, homelessness and disability. Since 1999 Sony Foundation has raised and distributed over $15 million to some very worthy beneficiaries. The Sony Foundation Children’s Holiday Camp Program has been supporting young Australian’s with disabilities, their families and their carers for eleven years. The Sony Foundation has contributed several million dollars to camps across the country to support the continued growth of this unique and life-changing programme.

About the Launceston Grammar Sony Foundation Children’s Holiday Camp

The Launceston Grammar Sony Foundation Children’s Holiday Camp gives senior school students (Grades 11 & 12) the opportunity to care for children with special needs. It is scheduled for early December each year.

The camp provides an enriching experience for both students and the children they care for during the three days and two nights of fun activities.

The Camp also gives much needed respite to parents and daily care-givers whose lives revolve around the 24 hour care of their child a few days to relax and spend quality time with other family members.

The students who participate in the Camp are able to experience the everyday challenges and demands involved in caring for a child with special needs.

The first Launceston Grammar Sony Foundation Children’s Holiday Camp was held in 2005 at Grammar Senior School in Mowbray and has been held annually helping over 100 families to date.

Activities
An exciting programme is developed each year and includes a selection of the following activities:
- Music / Dancing / Disco
- Art / Craft Work
- Picnic Lunch / Barbecue
- Horse Riding / Mini Golf
- Swimming / Soccer / Tae Kwon Do
- Cruising the Tamar River
- Christmas service and dinner
- A visit from Father Christmas
- Mini Carnival
- No bake cooking

How many children can we accommodate?
We aim to accommodate up to 16 boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 16.

How do we select the students to be companions during the camp?
We pride ourselves on our choice of students. Each applicant is interviewed and selected with great care and undergoes a training programme prior to the camp. These students consider the experience a privilege, learning about children with special needs and undertaking a journey of self discovery.

What medical support do we have in place?
We have Registered Nurses on duty during every shift and Doctors on call 24 hours a day. Along with the nurses, the companions are supported in their role by a number of teaching and non-teaching staff and parents from our school.

How much does this cost?
Due to the generous support of the Sony Foundation, our School and the local community this camp is FREE to attendees.

How to apply?
Families are asked to contact the School at any time, with final applications closing by the end of September each year.