

## Hussey shows the right Steps

**Jaipur, 9 May:** Australian middle order star Mike Hussey shared some of the secrets of his stellar career to enthralled young cricketers at a Cricket Education Program event at Step By Step International School in Mahapura today.

As a Role Model for Cricket Education Program, Hussey visited the school to lend his coaching expertise during a Cricket India Academy session at Step By Step International School involving almost 140 children. He also reinforced his status as a role model for children to look up to by spending time with students sharing his philosophies, ideals and experiences.

“Cricket has taught me many things that have helped me in my onfield performance as well as developing me as an individual” Hussey told the eager students “Cricket Education Program has been developed by Cricket Australia to help develop quality people through cricket and its fantastic to see the response to the program here at Step By Step.”

As Australia’s Mr Cricket, Hussey is the perfect Role Model for Cricket Education Program which espouses the importance of developing quality cricketers as well as people who are leaders, have strong team work capabilities, strive for excellence and display sportsmanship and fair play.

Step By Step Director Mrs Jayshree Periwal has been impressed by the response from students so far. “The children have loved the coaching methodology and coaching techniques. As an educational institution, its great to see our core principles and values being reflected in the sporting environment, particularly in cricket, India’s number one sporting passion.”

“Step By Step have taken the initiative to include Cricket Education Program into their curriculum offerings” added Martin Gleeson Chief Executive Officer of Sports Education Development India Ltd, the company with the exclusive rights to this innovative program in India. “Our partnership with the school is about building a fully integrated cricket development pathway within the school with the teachings and philosophies of Cricket Education Program at its heart.

As the star attraction for the day, Hussey summed up the synergy between his successes as an international cricketer and what this program offers to the next generation of stars. "If you want to be successful as a cricketer you need to not only develop your cricket techniques and skills but also your decision making, your ability to perform under pressure and your adaptability to different environments. As Cricket Education Program's methodology involves a lot of game sense and practical activities, its focused on developing a participant's ability to perform skills in a match situation, not just in the nets."

