

# Famous cricketer gives inspiration

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**CRICKET:** Former Australian cricketer and Western Warriors champion Tom Moody gave encouragement to several young talents when he visited the South West Cricket Academy at Dalyellup College last Thursday.

Moody has been appointed corporate adviser with Perdaman Industries and announced the company would remain the academy's major sponsor for the next two years.

The academy is the Western Australian Cricket Association's regional high performance program which began last year.

Moody will play an active consultation role in the management of the program which is playing a major role in identifying and developing talented young regional cricketers

"The facilities put in place are second to none so the kids will have the opportunity to improve their skills," Moody said.

"There is a huge amount of potential in the

South West and everyone knows there have been some great sports individuals produced from this region."

Moody encouraged all young cricketers to have the drive and commitment to take their sport to the top level.

He also said there should be a constant focus on technique and all-round skills which would allow a cricketer to play all variations of the game.

"It is always good to give something back to grass roots cricket in Western Australia and I am looking forward to taking on this role in the management of the Perdaman South West Cricket Academy," Moody said.

Among the 40 young cricket talents is 14-year-old Connor Blakely who is in his second year at the academy.

"I've improved pretty much everything and understand a lot more about cricket,"

He said the training not only covered technique but also game preparation and diet.



South West Cricket Academy members Jack MacKay, Aaron Milkins, Harry Gould and Connor Blakely listen to advice from Tom Moody when the former Australian cricketer visited them at Dalyellup College last week.