



# Rouse Hill Anglican Collegians

Since completing his HSC in 2016, **Joel Rogers** has been studying Business Administration at Macquarie University. While studying, Joel has been working at a local gym and writing and performing original music under the name *Thrills*.

*"Since graduating I've done my best to balance work, uni, writing music, and playing gigs to the best of my ability, and whilst it has been intense and stressful at times, I've loved every new experience."* says Joel.

Early July marked the two year anniversary of the release of *Thrills'* first track, 'Been Gone', which has built up over 400,000 plays since its release. *"I've released three subsequent songs, and have played gigs in not only the biggest venues in Sydney, but abroad in the UK at Creamfields Festival. The trip gave me the opportunity to travel to Europe, and experience a new side to the world, as well as meeting heaps of amazing people."*

Joel started his DJ career at the age of 16. Although he had always shown an interest in music, it was only since graduating that he wished he had taken Music as an elective course at school.

Now entering his final year of University, Joel plans to continue to work on his music and to spend his life doing what he loves, whether in the field of music or otherwise. *"Generally, I just want to live a motivated and hard-working life. Being surrounded by the right people who are supportive and able to create opportunities is really important. I have loved the ongoing support from RHAC and being able to keep in touch with the teachers and community who shaped me into the person I am."*

And while Joel is modest about his achievements, he has strong support at home from his parents and sister, Caiti. *"We both push each other to work hard and excel in whatever it is we're into."*

*"I would love to keep working on music over the next few years and see how far I can go."*



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