



PATRICK MATTHEWS

Class of 1993

Patrick Matthews attended Sydney Tech High School from 1988-1993. At school he learned to play a musical instrument in the Sydney Technical High School band, first on clarinet then on saxophone. In the year after high school, he started a band, *The Vines*, with another Tech Class of '93 student, David Olliffe, on drums and a Penshurst Marist student, Craig Nicholls, on guitar and vocals. Eventually, the band made a record called *Highly Evolved* which was released by Capitol/EMI records worldwide in 2002. It was a hit, selling 1.5 million copies worldwide, reaching Number 3 in Britain and Number 11 in the USA.

Patrick won an ARIA award in Australia in 2002 for "Breakthrough Artist - Single" for the song *Get Free*. Patrick left the band in 2004 and joined another Sydney band, *Youth Group*. *Youth Group* gained prominence with the song *Forever Young* which reached Number 1 in Australia in 2006 and won the band an ARIA for "Breakthrough Artist - Single".

Patrick is still in the band *Youth Group* - they released their fifth album, "*Australian Halloween*" in 2019.