



New Normal: In New Eyes and Old

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Setting foot onto the lively campus, your eyes dart around as jolly music plays in the school halls. There are people of all ages, darting around as chatter buzzes through your ears. This is your new home, De La Salle Lipa.

Like most schools in the Philippines, DLSL has started implementing a hybrid learning modality for students, combining online distance learning with synchronous face-to-face classes. Efficiently scheduled to

give students ample time for their modules and other activities, new and old learners have no problem adjusting to their classes. In addition to this, the school has been using the Canvas LMS since 2018; meaning that adjusting to online classes and the hybrid learning modality was not a problem for Lasallians.

For the past two years, De La Salle Lipa has been under the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic. Only recently have they opened the gates and welcomed in a new batch of eager students, some new, some old, but all excited to learn in the new normal. It's easy to get lost in the new experience, with the spacious campus being quite confusing for some. The thought of new lessons, new teachers, and new faces in an unfamiliar environment can be nerve-wracking, right? As a newcomer myself, I immediately became entranced by the appeal of face-to-face classes at De La Salle Lipa.

For students who enrolled in DLSL during the pandemic, the addition of face to-face classes is a blessing, as we can now meet our dear friends with whom we have grown close through virtual means. Mary Nicole Ubamos, a Grade 9 student, said, "For the first time in my life, I wanted to stay in school longer since the pandemic robbed me of my high school years." On the other hand, the hybrid learning modality is also an opportunity to meet new people, as the conducive environment of the school allows students to explore and be social with others.

Truly, the pandemic has stolen some of the best years of our life, but it's time to bounce back and make up for the time and memories we have lost. Being back in school is a wonderful experience; and being able to spend our high school years in De La Salle, whether you're a new or old student, is a true gift.



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