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CAMPUS LIFE

A Campus Life: My Second Home

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Regardless of our race, religion, the colour of our skin or how our mother tongue sounds like, life itself is filled with surprises that include not only the ups but also numerous amounts of downs. The older we get, the more unpredictable life can be and a life lived on campus is probably not as what we would expect it to be as it is synonymous to taking the first step in starting a life long journey of educating one's self in colleges or universities. High school has recently ended and we are finally joining the 'big boys' league. We're no longer children in the eyes of the public and the world is finally going to take our words and actions 'seriously'. We have gone through a huge life transition within a few months from having to ask for the teacher's permission to go to the toilet and suddenly to now deciding what we're supposed to do with the rest of our lives. No pressure right?



Freedom to live is somewhat finally in our hands but it comes at a cost. I personally think campus life is finally where we are forced to come out of our comfort zone and think outside the box. It is finally the time where we grow apart from our childhood friends. Problems of the real world finally kick in and suddenly life is more than just getting a few A's. This is the moment where we need to learn to see the bigger picture and understand the cruel fact that the world doesn't revolve around us and us alone anymore. Campus life is probably the first step taken by each and every one of us into the real world as it changes us from being a mere teen to a young adult. This is the part of life where the most valuable life lessons can be learned and it will be taught through a hungry stomach, an empty wallet and a broken heart.

Many would expect life on campus to be paradise, free from the reigns of our own parents, but as time goes on, it definitely proves to be otherwise. In my opinion, regardless of the hardships that we will be put through at this phase of life, it is undeniably bearable and doable if we choose to see the positive side of things. The moment we step into campus life, we're taking a step into a huge community that consists of would be leaders but at the same time, every step along the way, we will also be surrounding ourselves among blunders if we're not careful. So, it is up to us to do what's necessary and surround ourselves with the right set of people that we'll be referring to as lifelong 'friends'.

Speaking on my personal experience at UiTM Puncak Alam and a few other campuses, the people that we choose to have around us will play a big role on either 'making' us or 'breaking' us. Therefore, it is absolutely important to be mindful of the company of people that we indulge ourselves in. Campus life is filled with different people with different personalities, both good and bad. At this moment, we are gifted with freedom in a way that we are free to choose the type of person we want to become, and to choose what to be passionate about regardless whether it is our studies or sports; the freedom to choose what to do, who to hang out with, and the direction of where our lives will be heading as a whole. However, at the end of the day, campus life can be summed up as the time where we'll find our second home. From the friends that we make to the lecturers who will pass knowledge to us, our lives will be a little bit harder but at the same time, it'll make us much wiser in more ways than we could ever imagine. This is my way of saying that campus life will be different for everyone and based on what I've shared, this is my experience at UiTM Puncak Alam.

