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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Early Childhood Teacher

It is with great enthusiasm that I apply for the position of Early Childhood Teacher with River Garden Early Learning Centre in the 1-2 years' room, as advertised in the *Kindergarten Gazette*. I recently graduated from Australia University with a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, and I am now very excited to embark on my teaching career. I am drawn to the Centre's mission to 'Shape the world of tomorrow through the children of today' as this aligns with my own teaching philosophy.

In my final year of studies, I achieved distinction results for subjects including *Diversity in child development*, *Play in lifelong learning*, and *Contemporary child development theories and practices*. However, the highlight of my degree was undertaking three placements, which provided the opportunity to apply the theoretical knowledge. In my most recent placement at Penguin Childcare Centre, I took the initiative to enhance the outdoor learning environment by setting up a worm farm. The children responded favourably, enjoying learning about the environment. I received positive feedback from parents and staff, which is mentioned in the attached placement report. I am aware that River Garden Early Learning Centre not only prides itself on being a 'state of the art' centre, but also on providing natural indoor and outdoor spaces.

In addition to my studies, I have relevant experience through working as volunteer swim coach, which requires that I plan classes and cater to a variety of skill levels. I also need to interact with children clearly and in an engaging manner while also monitoring and ensuring safety at all times. Communicating with parents regarding their children's progress is also essential.

I have also been working part-time in an ice cream shop, where I have developed and demonstrated high-level communication skills through customer service. I was also able to apply my interest in education by creating a 'kids' corner', which has some books and toys for children to play with, as well as colouring pages for them to complete and take home. This has seen families spend more time in the store and is responsible for an increase in the sale of coffee.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application. Please find attached my resume and placements' reports. I look forward to an opportunity to meet with you in an interview to discuss how I might contribute to providing the best possible early learning experience for River Garden Early Learning Centre children and their families.

Yours faithfully,

Emma Cheung