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To Whom It May Concern

### Heidi Le Gassick

Heidi Le Gassick has been employed as a teacher in our Kindergarten I year level since August 2007. In this role, she has been a classroom teacher to twelve children who are three, turning four, years old. Heidi has worked with a co-teacher in a common classroom space, and this environment has necessitated close collaboration with a co-teacher and companion class, in addition to planning and liaising with teachers across the year group and in specialist areas.

Heidi has always shown outstanding professionalism in her position. She has been both a supportive teaching partner as well as an inspiring example to her co-teacher and colleagues in the wider school staff. Heidi has worked with a new co-teacher in each of her three years at ELC due to her modeling exceptional teaching practice. In addition, she has had a change of classroom, and was able to adjust her teaching style to compensate for the changes in the physical space. Heidi is non-judgmental and of an even disposition, as well as having an easy sense of humour. She takes on and gives advice with equal grace.

Heidi is committed to teaching practice that provides the children in her care with the best possible learning opportunities. She places importance on a child's social and emotional needs as well as on academic development, ensuring that each child is given positive experiences to motivate their learning. Heidi has brought about significant positive changes to the Kindergarten I year level with regard to content of the programme and the manner in which it is delivered. She has shown personal commitment to furthering her own professional skills in the field of education, having recently completed a Masters programme.

Administrative tasks are completed by Heidi in a timely and efficient manner. She is well-organised and displays flexibility and acceptance when faced with unexpected changes. Heidi communicates well both verbally and through written reports, having all requisite IT skills. She clearly represents achievement and challenges experienced by the child and gives strategies for support and guidance as appropriate. She is highly respected by the parents of children in her class and they willingly approach her for feedback.

Heidi is consistently punctual and she is always professional in her appearance. Heidi is both a teacher and a parent in our school and she has been able to separately define these roles, and this further represents her professionalism and personal character.

I highly recommend Heidi, without reservation, for employment by any educational institution that has a philosophy grounded in nurturing the development of the whole

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child. While Heidi's position with us has been with our youngest children, I believe that Heidi possesses all the necessary skills to be a highly effective teacher to children of any age.

It is a pleasure to write a reference on Heidi's behalf. Please do not hesitate to contact me should any further information be required.



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