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Dear Hiring Manager

I am writing to express my keen interest in the Samoan Bi-lingual class teacher position at Birdwood School for the 2026 academic year. With 18+ years of dedicated experience in Foundation Phase and Special Education, I am excited about the opportunity to contribute my expertise to your school community.

My professional background is particularly well-aligned with inclusive educational practices. As a registered New Zealand teacher with a Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase, I bring extensive experience supporting students with diverse learning needs, including those with autism, Down syndrome, ADHD, and intellectual disabilities. My Makaton and Sign Language certifications further demonstrate my commitment to accessible, adaptive teaching methodologies.

Throughout my career, I have developed specialized skills in curriculum adaptation, behavior modification, and creating supportive learning environments that enable every student to thrive. My approach focuses on individualized learning strategies that respect each student's unique potential, which I believe will be valuable in a bi-lingual classroom setting.

Birdwood School's commitment to inclusive, culturally responsive education resonates deeply with my professional philosophy. I am particularly enthusiastic about the opportunity to work with Samoan bi-lingual students and contribute to their academic and personal development.

My multilingual capabilities in English and Afrikaans, combined with my extensive special education background, position me as a strong candidate who can provide dynamic, compassionate, and effective teaching.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my skills and experience align with Birdwood School's educational objectives.

Kind regards,

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