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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you for forwarding your enrolment application for a placement in Bethlehem College. It is currently being processed and we will be in a position to confirm the next steps in the near future.

As part of the process, all families who are unable to establish a particular connection to our Special Character (generally those who don't regularly attend a church and have not provided a Pastor's reference) are required to come to an information seminar. This is a requirement as the Proprietor (Bethlehem College Limited) wants to ensure that all Parents have a sound understanding of our Special Character and what it means for their child(ren), in practical terms. The College has reviewed its enrolment policy and has chosen to introduce these events as part of the application process. If you currently have another child attending Bethlehem College (i.e. are **not** a new parent to the College) but do not attend a church, then you are also strongly encouraged to attend.

There will be two different seminars (A and B) presented by Rodney Lake from Thinking Matters. The first, Seminar A, sets out a basic understanding of Christian beliefs – "What is Christianity?" here you will have the College's Special Character explained and how this will be integrated into your child's education. **Seminar A is a requirement of enrolment.** The second, Seminar B, will follow a week later and is a sequel to Seminar A. Seminar B is optional and covers the question, "Why Christianity?" Our hope is that the first seminar will encourage you to come to the second, but there is no requirement to do both, just the first one.

Both seminar evenings will be informal and invite questions.

The dates for these seminars are:

<u>Seminar A (Attendance Required)</u>	<u>Seminar B (Attendance Optional)</u>
Tuesday 26 February 2019	Tuesday 5 March 2019

The Seminars are for the parents only (one parent is required to attend, both parents are welcome) and will be held in the Staffroom, L Block, level 2 (on your right as you enter through the main doors). Coffee will be available. The seminars begin at 7:30pm sharp and will run for approximately an hour and a half.

There is no need to register; simply attend Seminar A. You will complete an evaluation form which will also serve as an indication to the Proprietor that you have completed Seminar A and your application is then able to proceed. Please note that attendance to these seminars does not automatically secure a place for your child but it does allow your application to proceed on the waiting list.

If you have any questions regarding these seminars please contact the Registrar (579 1809). Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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