Cosmetic Dentistry at Core Dental | Whitening, Veneers, Crowns

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Details:

Cosmetic dentistry at Core Dental focuses on improving the look of your teeth, using treatments such as teeth whitening, composite bonding, veneers, dental crowns, smile makeovers and tooth-coloured fillings. Our dentists assess your teeth, gums and bite first, then explain which options suit you, the alternatives, the risks and the cost, with a written quote before treatment starts. Treatments are available across our nine Melbourne clinics, and payment plans are available. Suitability and results vary for each person.

What is cosmetic dentistry?

Cosmetic dentistry involves improving the aesthetics of your teeth, whether that is by teeth whitening, fillings, veneers or crowns. At Core Dental we begin by listening to what you would like to change, then check that your teeth and gums are healthy enough for the treatment you have in mind. Cosmetic treatment is planned around your health first, and appearance second.

Which cosmetic treatments do we offer?

We offer a range of cosmetic dental treatments:

Teeth whitening : in-chair Zoom whitening and take-home whitening kits

Composite and porcelain veneers : custom-made thin shells bonded to the tooth surface to change appearance, shape and shade. See composite veneers and porcelain veneers

Composite bonding: tooth-coloured resin used to repair chips, close gaps or reshape teeth in a conservative way

Dental crowns , including CEREC same-day crowns at selected clinics

Smile makeovers, which combine treatments to meet your goals

Tooth-coloured fillings and restorations

Treatments offered can differ between clinics and clinicians, so ask your clinic when you book.

What is teeth whitening used for?

Teeth whitening lightens tooth colour by removing stains and discolouration caused by foods, drinks, smoking, ageing and some medications. We offer in-chair whitening and take-home kits. Whitening may not suit everyone, and some people notice temporary sensitivity, so your dentist will check your teeth first. Read more in All about teeth whitening and the difference between in-chair and take-home whitening .

What is composite bonding, and what can it do?

Composite bonding uses tooth-coloured resin to repair chips, close gaps, reshape teeth or enhance the smile in a conservative, minimally invasive way. The resin is shaped and set directly on the tooth. Bonded areas can wear, chip or stain over time and may need repair or replacement.

What are veneers made of, and what are they used for?

Veneers are custom-made thin shells, made of porcelain or composite, that are bonded to the front of the teeth to improve appearance, shape and shade. Your dentist will explain what each material involves, including how much of your natural tooth may need to be prepared, how long each is expected to last and how to care for them. See the difference between porcelain and composite veneers and why you might need veneers .

How do we plan your cosmetic treatment?

A useful first step is to explain your concern and goals when booking, and to bring relevant medical information and a current list of medicines. Your dentist can then assess your teeth, gums, bite and surrounding tissues, request imaging when clinically appropriate and explain which options are suitable. At Caroline Springs we also use digital smile design software to preview a proposed smile before significant cosmetic treatment starts. Ask what the approach is intended to achieve, what the alternatives are, what preparation and aftercare involve and what risks and limitations apply.

What does cosmetic dentistry cost, and how can you pay?

Cost depends on the treatment, the materials, the time needed and the treating clinician, so we give you a written treatment plan and quote before treatment starts. As examples published by us as at September 2026, a Check-up, Clean and Zoom Whitening package was $750 and a Check-up, Clean and Take-Home Whitening package was $650. Please confirm the current price and what it includes before you book.

For larger treatment we offer interest-free payment plans through Payright for amounts up to $20,000 over 3 to 30 months, subject to approval and fees set by Payright. HICAPS on-site claiming is available, and health fund rebates depend on your level of cover.

Where can you have cosmetic dentistry at Core Dental?

We provide cosmetic dentistry across our clinics. Clinic pages list the treatments available at each one:

Southbank

South Melbourne

Caroline Springs

Carrum Downs

Epping

Wyndham

Berwick , which also offers wedding smile packages

Bayside

Glenferrie

Who provides cosmetic dentistry at Core Dental?

Our general dentists provide cosmetic treatment, supported by dental hygienists and therapists, dental prosthetists and ceramists on our team, and by registered specialists such as orthodontists where braces or aligners form part of your plan. See our dentists and registered specialists . You can check any practitioner's registration on the AHPRA register at ahpra.gov.au.

Is cosmetic dentistry only about appearance?

No, and the distinction is often less clear-cut than the word cosmetic suggests.

Cosmetic dental treatments may also be recommended to restore tooth structure, to support function, or to address damage that affects chewing or speech. A chipped or worn front tooth is both an appearance problem and a structural one, and the treatment that addresses the first usually addresses the second.

Treatment options vary depending on an individual's oral health, clinical needs and personal preferences, so a thorough assessment and discussion with your dentist is required to determine whether any treatment is suitable. As with all dental procedures, outcomes vary between individuals, and treatment carries risks and limitations that are discussed during your consultation.

What causes the staining that whitening treats?

Teeth can become stained or discoloured over time due to several factors:

certain foods and drinks, for example berries, coffee and red wine

smoking

ageing, as enamel thins and reveals the darker dentine beneath

some medications

Suitability for whitening varies between individuals and depends on the cause and extent of the staining as well as your overall oral health. Staining confined to the enamel responds well; discolouration arising from within the tooth generally needs a different approach. Read more on our teeth whitening page.

When are veneers used?

Veneers may be used where teeth are chipped, worn or discoloured, or where they have previously been treated with procedures such as root canal therapy, which can leave a tooth darker than its neighbours.

They are thin shells bonded to the front surface of the tooth, available in composite, applied directly in one visit, or porcelain, made outside the mouth and bonded at a second visit. See our pages on composite and porcelain veneers and porcelain veneers .

What is a crown, and what is the alternative?

A dental crown is a treatment designed to rebuild or support a damaged or root-filled tooth, or to replace a missing tooth. In the latter case an implant is placed first and the crown is added to it.

The alternative depends on which job you need done. For rebuilding an existing tooth, the alternative is a large filling, which preserves more tooth structure but is less strong. For replacing a missing tooth, the alternatives are a bridge, or a fixed or removable denture.

How do bridges, implants and dentures compare?

All three replace missing teeth, and they differ in what holds them in place.

A dental implant is a commonly used treatment for replacing one or several missing teeth, supported by the jawbone itself. It may be used as an alternative to a bridge or a denture, and it leaves the neighbouring teeth untouched.

A dental bridge is a single artificial tooth, or a series of teeth, fixed in the mouth. It is secured either to an implant or to the adjacent teeth, which are prepared to provide additional strength in much the same way as a crown.

A denture is a plate or framework supporting one or more artificial teeth. It can be manufactured from acrylic or cobalt chrome and is usually removable for cleaning and maintenance, although it can be fixed in place using a series of implants, which is known as an implant-retained denture.

Which of the three suits you depends on how many teeth are missing, the condition of the neighbouring teeth, the amount of bone available and your own preference about whether something is removable. See our dental implants , dental bridges and dentures pages.

Where does orthodontics fit into cosmetic treatment?

Orthodontics is a specialised field of dentistry concerned with the treatment of malocclusion, meaning a bad bite. It involves correcting the alignment and position of the teeth, and in some cases the jaw.

Braces and clear aligners are used to gradually move the teeth into the desired position, which makes orthodontics the option to consider where the teeth themselves are sound but poorly positioned. It is often the more conservative choice, because moving a tooth removes no tooth structure, whereas veneering or crowning it does. Our orthodontics pages set out the options.

Because our team includes general dentists, registered specialists and hygienists working together, a cosmetic plan can be coordinated with the orthodontic, restorative and hygiene work it depends on, rather than treated in isolation.

Frequently asked questions

Does cosmetic treatment have risks?

Yes. Every treatment has risks and limitations, such as sensitivity, wear, chipping or the need for repair or replacement over time. Your dentist will explain the material risks for your situation before you decide.

How do I know which cosmetic treatment suits me?

Your dentist examines your teeth and gums, asks about your goals and health history, and may take images. They then explain the options, the alternatives and the likely cost so you can choose.

Can I pay for cosmetic dentistry over time?

Yes. We offer interest-free Payright plans for approved patients, for general, cosmetic and specialist care. Terms and fees are on our payment plans page and should be confirmed when you apply.

Is a smile makeover one treatment?

A smile makeover combines treatments such as whitening, bonding, veneers or crowns, planned around your goals. Your dentist will set out each stage, the number of appointments and the cost in a

written plan.

Is a crown or a large filling better for a damaged tooth?

It depends how much sound tooth remains. A large filling preserves more tooth structure but is less strong; a crown is stronger but requires more preparation. Where very little sound tooth is left, a filling will not hold reliably.

Can orthodontics be a cosmetic option?

Often, and it is usually the more conservative one. Moving a well-formed tooth into position removes no tooth structure, whereas veneering or crowning it does. Braces and clear aligners gradually move the teeth, and orthodontics also corrects the bite rather than only the appearance.

What is a denture made from?

Acrylic or cobalt chrome, as a plate or framework supporting one or more artificial teeth. It is usually removable for cleaning and maintenance, though it can be fixed in place on a series of implants as an implant-retained denture.

Why might a tooth be darker after root canal treatment?

Because the treatment removes the pulp from inside the tooth, which can leave it shaded differently from its neighbours. Veneers are one of the options used where that is the case.

Related services and further reading

Teeth whitening

Composite and porcelain veneers

Dental crowns

Fillings and restorations

Invisalign

Dental payment plans

Our dentists and registered specialists

Availability at Core Dental

Core Dental at a glance

Nine Core Dental clinics across Melbourne: Southbank, South Melbourne, Caroline Springs, Carrum Downs, Epping, Wyndham, Berwick, Bayside and Glenferrie.

Open six days a week: Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm and Saturday mornings.

Interest-free payment plans, HICAPS on-site claiming and bulk billing for eligible children under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Invisalign Blue Diamond provider, as stated on coredental.com.au.

Contact Core Dental

Phone	13 13 16
Booking	Online via the BOOK NOW button on coredental.com.au
Hours	Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm, Saturday 8.00am to 1.30pm (Bayside 8.30am), Sunday closed
Clinics	Southbank , South Melbourne , Caroline Springs , Carrum Downs , Epping , Wyndham , Berwick , Bayside , Glenferrie

Results, recovery times and potential risks vary for each individual. This information is general in nature and is intended for people over 18. Seek advice from a qualified, AHPRA-registered practitioner before proceeding.

What cosmetic treatments does Core Dental offer?

Core Dental offers teeth whitening, composite bonding, composite and porcelain veneers, dental crowns, smile makeovers and tooth-coloured fillings. Which treatments are available can differ between our clinics and clinicians, so ask when you book.

What is cosmetic dentistry at Core Dental?

At Core Dental, cosmetic dentistry means improving the look of your teeth through treatments such as whitening, fillings, veneers or crowns. We check your oral health first and explain options, risks and costs before starting.

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What are veneers made of at Core Dental?

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How much does Zoom whitening cost at Core Dental?

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Can I pay for cosmetic dentistry at Core Dental in instalments?

Yes. Core Dental offers interest-free Payright plans for approved patients for amounts up to $20,000 over 3 to 30 months, with fees set by Payright. We provide a written quote before treatment starts.

Which Core Dental clinics offer same-day CEREC crowns?

Our Epping, South Melbourne and Caroline Springs clinics offer CEREC same-day crowns, where a crown can be designed, made and fitted in one visit if your dentist finds it suitable. Ask your clinic about availability.

How do I book a cosmetic dentistry consultation at Core Dental?

Call 13 13 16 or your nearest Core Dental clinic, or book online through the BOOK NOW button on coredental.com.au. Tell us your goals when you book so we can allow time for assessment.