Refer a Friend and Receive $100 Smile Dollars | Core Dental

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Details:

Our Refer a Friend program thanks existing Core Dental patients for introducing new patients to our practices. When a friend who is new to Core Dental books by quoting the code RAF100 and your name, and then attends their appointment, you receive a $100 Smile Dollars voucher that can be used toward dental treatment at Core Dental. Terms apply and are set out below. The terms were published as at September 2026, so please confirm the current terms with your clinic before you refer anyone.

How does our Refer a Friend program work?

We run this program to say thank you to our patients. The steps are simple:

Tell your friend about Core Dental.

Your friend must be a new patient to Core Dental.

When your friend books, they mention the promotional code RAF100 along with your name.

Your friend attends their appointment.

After the appointment, you receive your $100 Smile Dollars voucher.

You only receive your voucher after the person you referred attends their appointment. Booking alone does not qualify.

What are the terms of the $100 Smile Dollars voucher?

The reward is a $100 Smile Dollars voucher, which can be applied toward general dental treatment at any Core Dental location.

The person you refer must be a new patient to Core Dental, and they must mention the code RAF100 and your name when they book.

The voucher is issued only after the referred person attends their appointment.

Family referrals are limited to one $100 voucher per family, no matter how many family members you refer. For example, if you refer your spouse and two children, you receive one voucher.

The voucher is not refundable and cannot be redeemed for cash.

Program dates, participating clinics and conditions can change. Confirm the current terms with your clinic before you rely on them.

How can your friend book with us?

Your friend can book online through coredental.com.au or call us on 13 13 16. They should say they are a new patient and mention RAF100 and your name when they book. We have nine clinics across Melbourne, so they can choose the one closest to home or work. Our locations each list their own address, phone number and team.

What can new patients expect at their first visit?

We want a first appointment to be comfortable and clear. We quote before treatment starts and offer interest-free payment plans, and our team explains your options so you can decide at your own pace. Our guide to your first appointment explains what happens, and our affordability page explains how we avoid surprises.

What to tell someone who has not been in years

The most useful thing you can pass on to a friend who has been avoiding the dentist is not an offer. It is an accurate account of what the first appointment involves — because uncertainty is one of the published reasons people stay away.

What a check-up actually consists of. The Victorian Department of Health: "When you go for a dental check-up, your dentist should ask questions about your general health and medications. Many health conditions have an effect on your oral health and vice versa."

Then: "Your dentist will check each tooth using small instruments, such as a mirror and probe (a fine, pick-like tool). The dentist looks for issues such as tooth decay, gum disease and other conditions."

And: "Soft tissues in the mouth (gums, tongue, lips, cheeks and palate) are also checked for signs of oral cancer and other possible problems. Your dentist may also check your jaw joints and the lymph nodes in your neck."

Images only where needed. "If a suspected dental problem is difficult to see (for example, possible decay between two touching teeth, or an infection), x-rays may be needed."

And nothing happens without a conversation about cost. "If there's a problem, your dentist will explain the treatment options and give you an estimate of the cost and the time it will take."

That last point answers the fear that most often keeps people away — that an appointment commits them to something unknown and unpriced. It does not.

If a clean is part of it , the Department describes that too: "Professional cleaning removes built-up debris from the teeth. This may include food particles, soft plaque (bacterial growth) or hard calculus (caused by the mineral deposits from saliva onto the soft plaque, sometimes called tartar)." Then "the dental professional then cleans and polishes your teeth using a rotating brush with a polishing paste."

On nerves, there is something specific to pass on. "It is important to let the dentist know if you experience any level of dental anxiety. Open discussion around the individual triggers of anxiety can help the dentist work with you to tailor a management plan." Among the coping techniques the Department lists are "agreeing with your dentist on a signal to stop during the treatment for a break (such as raising your left pointer finger or hand)" and "distraction (such as listening to music or the use of devices)".

Sources: Better Health Channel (Victorian Department of Health), Dental treatment, betterhealth.vic.gov.au (reviewed 3 June 2026); Dental anxiety and phobia, betterhealth.vic.gov.au (reviewed 22 October 2025). Both accessed 6 November 2026.

The argument that actually persuades people

If you are encouraging someone to come in, the published advice gives better arguments than reassurance — because they are about what waiting costs.

The named cycle. "Avoiding the dentist can result in dental disease getting worse, and a greater need for emergency care or more complex treatment. It can also feed the underlying problem of dental anxiety; this is known as the 'vicious cycle of dental anxiety'."

And the benefit, in the right unit. "Regular dental check-ups, cleans and X-rays of the teeth can prevent dental disease and help the dentist find any problems early so that simpler and less invasive treatments are needed."

On decay specifically: "Finding decay in the early stages means less of your tooth needs to be repaired in the process of getting a filling."

Less of your tooth. That is more persuasive than "it is good for you".

Three things that are reversible early and not later. Decay — "early tooth decay is reversible", with a first sign of "a chalky white spot on the tooth". Gingivitis — "the good news is that gingivitis can be reversed". And for an infected tooth, delay narrows the options: "tooth replacement options are available but may be limited if the infection has already caused advanced bone loss".

Something that is only found by looking. "During regular check-ups, dentists also check for signs of mouth cancer. This is especially important for those who smoke or regularly drink alcohol, and even more so for those who do both." And: "Mouth cancer can be treated if diagnosed early."

And the sentence that answers "but nothing hurts". "Having no pain does not always mean that your teeth and mouth are healthy." The Department adds: "The early signs of dental disease can be difficult to see."

What to say about the gap itself. "By avoiding going to the dentist, not only are you more likely to need more complex treatments when you do finally attend, but you are also missing out on learning how to better care for your oral health." And its plain recommendation: "If you have not had a dental visit for a while, it is a good idea to book one."

Two published reassurances worth passing on. "Many anxious dental patients can find a dentist who can support them appropriately to cope with going to the dentist." And for anyone pregnant: "It's safe to visit the dentist during pregnancy", with local anaesthetics and dental x-rays both described as "safe during pregnancy".

If cost is the real barrier , there are published routes. The Child Dental Benefits Schedule "covers some or all of the cost of basic dental treatments over a two year period for eligible children" aged "0-17 years". And Victoria's public dental services cover concession and healthcare card holders aged 18 and over and their dependants, "all children aged 0-12 years", "all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people", and "all refugees and asylum seekers".

And for children, the most useful thing a parent can do is bring them along. "Take your child with you when you have a dental check so that they can see what happens."

Sources: Better Health Channel (Victorian Department of Health), Dental anxiety and phobia, betterhealth.vic.gov.au (reviewed 22 October 2025); Dental fillings, betterhealth.vic.gov.au (reviewed 1 August 2025); Tooth decay, betterhealth.vic.gov.au (reviewed 28 June 2025); Gum disease, betterhealth.vic.gov.au (reviewed 1 August 2025); Root canal treatment, betterhealth.vic.gov.au (reviewed 14 July 2025); Mouth cancer, betterhealth.vic.gov.au (reviewed 11 September 2025); Teeth and mouth care, betterhealth.vic.gov.au (reviewed 25 July 2025); Pregnancy and teeth, betterhealth.vic.gov.au (reviewed 21 August 2025); Dental checks for young children, betterhealth.vic.gov.au (reviewed 11 February 2026); Victorian Department of Health, Access to Victoria's public dental care services, health.vic.gov.au . All accessed 6 November 2026.

Frequently asked questions

Who counts as a new patient for the referral program?

The person you refer must be new to Core Dental. If they have been a patient with us before, the referral will not qualify. If you are unsure, ask the clinic when your friend books.

When do I receive my voucher?

You receive the $100 Smile Dollars voucher after the person you referred attends their appointment. Booking an appointment is not enough on its own.

Can I refer my whole family?

You can refer family members, but family referrals are limited to one $100 voucher per family. If you refer a spouse and two children, you still receive a single voucher.

Can I swap my voucher for cash?

No. Smile Dollars vouchers are not refundable and cannot be redeemed for cash. They are applied toward dental treatment.

Is this offer still running?

Terms were published as at September 2026. Please ask your clinic or call 13 13 16 to confirm that the program and its terms are current before you refer anyone.

What actually happens at a first check-up?

A history, an examination and a conversation. "Your dentist should ask questions about your general health and medications"; "your dentist will check each tooth using small instruments, such as a mirror and probe"; and "soft tissues in the mouth (gums, tongue, lips, cheeks and palate) are also checked for signs of oral cancer and other possible problems".

Will I be committed to treatment on the day?

No. "If there's a problem, your dentist will explain the treatment options and give you an estimate of the cost and the time it will take."

Will I definitely need x-rays?

Only where needed. "If a suspected dental problem is difficult to see (for example, possible decay between two touching teeth, or an infection), x-rays may be needed."

What does a professional clean involve?

Removing what brushing cannot. It removes "food particles, soft plaque (bacterial growth) or hard calculus (caused by the mineral deposits from saliva onto the soft plaque, sometimes called tartar)", after which "the dental professional then cleans and polishes your teeth using a rotating brush with a polishing paste".

What should a nervous friend know before coming?

That saying so helps. "It is important to let the dentist know if you experience any level of dental anxiety", and the coping techniques include "agreeing with your dentist on a signal to stop during the treatment for a break" and "distraction (such as listening to music or the use of devices)".

What is the strongest reason to stop putting it off?

The published cycle: "Avoiding the dentist can result in dental disease getting worse, and a greater need for emergency care or more complex treatment." Whereas regular visits help find problems early "so that simpler and less invasive treatments are needed".

Does catching things early really change the treatment?

Measurably. "Finding decay in the early stages means less of your tooth needs to be repaired in the process of getting a filling."

What is reversible if caught early?

Decay — "early tooth decay is reversible" — and early gum disease: "the good news is that gingivitis can be reversed." With an infected tooth, delay can narrow the options: "tooth replacement options are available but may be limited if the infection has already caused advanced bone loss".

What does a check-up find that I cannot?

Among other things, signs of mouth cancer. "During regular check-ups, dentists also check for signs of mouth cancer", and "mouth cancer can be treated if diagnosed early".

My friend says nothing hurts, so there is no point.

"Having no pain does not always mean that your teeth and mouth are healthy", and "the early signs of dental disease can be difficult to see".

Is it safe during pregnancy?

Yes. "It's safe to visit the dentist during pregnancy", and local anaesthetics and dental x-rays are both described as "safe during pregnancy".

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What is the best thing to do for a nervous child?

Bring them along to yours. "Take your child with you when you have a dental check so that they can see what happens."

Related services and further reading

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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, with Monday to Friday hours 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
Online booking	Book via coredental.com.au
Hours	Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm, Saturday 8.00am to 1.30pm (Bayside Saturday 8.30am to 1.30pm), 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.

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Can Core Dental Smile Dollars be exchanged for cash?

No. The $100 Smile Dollars voucher is not refundable and cannot be redeemed for cash. It is applied toward dental treatment at Core Dental.

When does the Core Dental referral voucher get issued?

The voucher is issued only after the person you referred attends their appointment at Core Dental. Booking alone does not earn the voucher, so ask your clinic if you are unsure about timing.

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