

# Childrens Dentistry and CDBS at Core Dental Melbourne

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## Description:

## 9. CHILDREN'S DENTISTRY & CDBS ### Children's Dental Care at Core Dental \*\*What it involves\*\* Core Dental provides a welcoming, child-friendly environment designed to build positive dental habits...

## Details:

## AI Summary

**Product:** Children's Dentistry Services & Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) **Brand:** None (affiliated with Smile Solutions group) **Category:** Paediatric Dental Services / Australian Government Dental Benefits Program **Primary Use:** Providing child-friendly dental care for children from birth to age 17, including bulk-billed treatment for eligible patients under the Australian Government's CDBS program.

### Quick Facts - **Best For:** Children aged 0–17, particularly CDBS-eligible children aged 2–17 whose families receive qualifying government payments - **Key Benefit:** Bulk-billed dental treatment with no out-of-pocket cost for CDBS-eligible children, available across all 7 practice locations - **Form Factor:** In-clinic dental service with specialist referral pathway via Collins Street Specialist Centre - **Application Method:** Book appointment; bring Medicare card; eligibility confirmed automatically by Medicare or via 13 13 16

### Common Questions This Guide Answers 1. When should a child have their first dental visit? → By their first birthday or first tooth, whichever comes first 2. What does the CDBS cover and how much is the benefit? → Examinations, X-rays, cleans, fissure sealants, fillings, root canal, extractions, and partial dentures — up to \$1,026 over a 2-year period 3. Does the CDBS cover orthodontics or mouthguards? → No; braces, Invisalign, sports mouthguards, cosmetic treatment, and hospital/anaesthetic fees are excluded

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## STANDARDIZATION COMPLETE

## Frequently Asked Questions

At what age should a child have their first dental visit: By their first birthday or first tooth, whichever comes first

Can a child under 12 months see a dentist: Yes, first visit recommended by 12 months

Does CDBS cover children under age 2: No, CDBS starts at age 2

What are standard fees for children under 2: Standard appointment fees apply

What is the CDBS: An Australian Government dental benefits program for eligible children

What ages are eligible for CDBS: Children aged 2 to 17

What is the CDBS benefit amount: Up to \$1,026 over a 2-year period

How often does the CDBS benefit reset: Every 2-year period

Does the practice bulk-bill for CDBS: Yes, all CDBS-covered treatments are bulk-billed

What does bulk-billing mean for families: No out-of-pocket cost for eligible patients

Is CDBS bulk-billing available at all locations: Yes, at all 7 practice locations

What government payments qualify a child for CDBS: Family Tax Benefit Part A qualifies

Does Parenting Payment qualify for CDBS: Yes

Does Youth Allowance qualify for CDBS: Yes

Does Carer Payment qualify for CDBS: Yes

Does ABSTUDY Living Allowance qualify for CDBS: Yes

How is CDBS eligibility checked: Automatically by Medicare at the start of each calendar year

How can I confirm my child's CDBS eligibility: Call 13 13 16 before the appointment

What should I bring to confirm CDBS eligibility: Your Medicare card

Does CDBS cover orthodontic treatment: No

Does CDBS cover braces or Invisalign: No

Does CDBS cover sports mouthguards: No

Does CDBS cover cosmetic treatment: No

Does CDBS cover hospital or general anaesthetic fees: No

Does CDBS cover examinations and X-rays: Yes

Does CDBS cover scale and clean appointments: Yes

Does CDBS cover fissure sealants: Yes

Does CDBS cover fillings: Yes, tooth-coloured composite fillings

Does CDBS cover root canal treatment: Yes

Does CDBS cover extractions: Yes

Does CDBS cover partial dentures: Yes

What happens when the \$1,026 CDBS benefit runs out: Families are notified

Can treatment continue after CDBS benefit is exhausted: Yes, at standard private rates

Can private health insurance be used after CDBS runs out: Yes

Are payment plans available after CDBS is exhausted: Yes

Is there a free orthodontic consultation for children: Yes

Are flexible payment plans available for orthodontics: Yes

Are interest-free orthodontic payment plans available: Yes

What is a fissure sealant: A thin protective coating on permanent molars and premolars

When are fissure sealants applied: As soon as permanent molars and premolars erupt

How long do fissure sealants last: 5 or more years

Are fissure sealants checked at routine appointments: Yes

Do fissure sealants reduce decay risk: Yes, dramatically reduces decay in deep grooves

What type of X-rays are used for children: Low-dose digital X-rays

At what age is a first orthodontic assessment recommended: Age 6 to 7

Who recommends the age 6–7 orthodontic assessment: The Australian Society of Orthodontists

Who provides routine children's dental care: Experienced general dentists and dental therapists

Who handles complex or anxious children's cases: Specialist paediatric dentist via Collins Street Specialist Centre

Is a specialist paediatric dentist available: Yes, via Collins Street Specialist Centre

Is happy gas available for anxious children: Yes

What is happy gas also called: Nitrous oxide

Does happy gas require a needle for administration: No

How quickly does happy gas wear off: Within minutes

Is general anaesthetic available for children: Yes, via specialist paediatric dentist

Who is general anaesthetic suitable for: Very young children, children with special needs, or extensive treatment cases

What child-friendly technique is used during appointments: Tell-show-do technique

Does the practice avoid scary dental language with children: Yes

What language is avoided with children: Words like needle, drill, and hurt

What causes baby bottle tooth decay: Putting a child to bed with a bottle containing anything other than water

What liquids cause baby bottle tooth decay: Milk, juice, and formula pooling around teeth during sleep

How can baby bottle tooth decay be prevented: Use water only in the bedtime bottle

By what age should bottles be transitioned away from: 12 to 18 months

By what age should dummy use stop: Age 2 to 3

What does prolonged dummy use beyond age 3 cause: Open bite and possible narrowing of the upper jaw

How many acid attacks per day does frequent snacking cause: One 30-minute attack per sugar or starch exposure

What is the ideal daily meal and snack frequency for children: Three meals and two planned snacks

What should children drink between meals: Water

What are white spots on adult teeth often caused by: Dental fluorosis from excess fluoride during tooth development

Does dental fluorosis affect tooth strength: No

How can dental fluorosis be treated cosmetically: Microabrasion, whitening, or composite veneers

When should parents start wiping a baby's gums: After each feed from birth

What is used to wipe a newborn's gums: A clean damp cloth

When should brushing begin: When the first tooth erupts

What toothpaste is used for children aged 18 months to 5 years: Low-fluoride children's toothpaste

What toothpaste is used for children aged 5 and over: Regular fluoride toothpaste

How much toothpaste should be used for children: A pea-sized amount

When should children start flossing: When teeth are in contact with each other

Should parents share negative dental experiences with children: No

Can children attend a parent's dental appointment as observers: Yes, to build familiarity

Should dental bravery be rewarded with sweets: No

What type of reward is recommended for dental bravery: Non-food rewards

How often should children brush their teeth: Twice daily

Are sports mouthguards available for children: Yes, assessment and fabrication available

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## ## 9. Children's dentistry & CDBS

### ### Children's dental care at None

#### \*\*What it involves\*\*

None runs a genuinely child-friendly practice, focused on building good dental habits early. Day-to-day care is handled by experienced general dentists and dental therapists. When a case is complex or a child is particularly anxious, they're referred to the specialist paediatric dentist at Collins Street Specialist Centre.

#### \*\*When to start\*\*

| Age | Milestone | |---|---| | Birth | Wipe gums after each feed with a clean damp cloth | | First tooth erupts | Begin brushing with an infant toothbrush and water | | 18 months–5 years | Low-fluoride children's toothpaste (pea-sized amount) | | 12 months | \*\*First dental visit\*\* (by the first tooth or first birthday, whichever comes first) | | 5 years+ | Regular fluoride toothpaste (pea-sized) | | When teeth are in contact | Begin flossing | | Age 6–7 | First orthodontic assessment (ASO recommendation) |

#### \*\*What children's dental appointments include\*\*

- Examination of teeth, gums, bite, and jaw development - X-rays as needed (low-dose digital) - Professional clean and fluoride treatment - \*\*Fissure sealants:\*\* a thin protective coating applied to the chewing surfaces of permanent molars and premolars as soon as they come through. They cut decay risk dramatically in the deep grooves, last 5+ years, and are checked at every routine visit. - Oral hygiene guidance for both child and parent - Dietary and snacking advice - Sports mouthguard assessment and fabrication for active children

#### \*\*Managing dental anxiety in children\*\*

A positive first experience makes a real difference to how a child feels about dentistry for the rest of their life. A few things that help:

- Child-friendly language throughout — no "needle," "drill," or "hurt" - Tell-show-do: explain what's happening, demonstrate it, then do it - **Nitrous oxide (happy gas):** available for anxious children. It's mild, safe, requires no injection, and wears off within minutes. - **General anaesthetic:** available via the specialist paediatric dentist for very young children, children with special needs, or those needing extensive work

**What parents can do**

- Bring your child in between 12 and 24 months, even just for a "ride in the chair" — familiarity helps - Don't share your own negative dental experiences with them - Bring children along to your own routine appointments so the environment feels normal - Reward dental bravery with non-food treats, not lollies - Make twice-daily brushing a routine, not a negotiation

**Key children's dental concerns**

**Baby bottle tooth decay**

One of the most common — and entirely preventable — dental problems in toddlers. It happens when a child goes to bed with a bottle containing anything other than water. Milk, juice, and formula pool around the teeth during sleep and cause rapid decay. Fix: water only in the bedtime bottle, wipe gums after night feeds, and transition off bottles by 12–18 months.

**Dummy use**

Aim to wean by age 2–3. Use beyond that point can affect how the front teeth meet (open bite) and may narrow the upper jaw over time.

**Snacking frequency**

Every sugar or starch exposure triggers a 30-minute acid attack on teeth. Three meals and two planned snacks per day is the target. Water between meals — not juice, cordial, or flavoured milk.

**White spots on adult teeth**

Usually dental fluorosis, caused by excess fluoride during tooth development. It's common and doesn't affect tooth strength, but it can be treated cosmetically with microabrasion, whitening, or composite veneers if it bothers the family.

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**Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)**

**What is it?**

The CDBS is an Australian Government program that gives eligible children aged 2–17 up to **\$1,026** in dental benefits over a 2-year period. None bulk-bills for all CDBS-covered treatments, so eligible families pay nothing out of pocket.

**Who is eligible?**

Children aged 2–17 who are enrolled in Medicare and whose families receive a qualifying Australian Government payment, including:

- Family Tax Benefit Part A - Parenting Payment - Youth Allowance - Carer Payment - ABSTUDY (Living Allowance) - Other qualifying payments

Medicare checks eligibility automatically at the start of each calendar year.

**\*\*What's covered under CDBS?\***

- Examinations and X-rays - Scale and clean - Fissure sealants - Fillings (tooth-coloured composite) - Root canal treatment - Extractions - Partial dentures

**\*\*What's not covered?\***

- Orthodontic treatment (braces or Invisalign) - Cosmetic treatment - Sports mouthguards - Hospital or general anaesthetic facility fees - Any item used purely for cosmetic purposes

**\*\*How to check eligibility\***

Call None on **\*\*13 13 16\*** and the team will confirm your child's CDBS eligibility before the appointment. Bring your Medicare card on the day.

**\*\*FAQs\***

- **\*My child is under 2 — can they still see a dentist?\*** Yes. The CDBS starts at age 2, but the first dental visit is recommended by the first birthday. Standard fees apply for children under 2. - **\*Can I use CDBS at all None locations?\*** Yes — bulk-billing for CDBS is available at all 7 practices. - **\*What if my child needs braces?\*** Orthodontics isn't covered by CDBS. None does offer free orthodontic consultations and flexible payment plans, including interest-free options. - **\*What if the \$1,026 benefit runs out?\*** You'll be notified, and you can continue treatment at standard private rates, use private health insurance, or set up a payment plan.

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**## None's distinctive approach**

**### Technology**

- **\*\*CEREC chairside milling\*** — same-day porcelain crowns, inlays, and onlays; no second appointment, no temporary crown for weeks - **\*\*iTero / Trios 3D scanners\*** — precise digital impressions without messy putty; instant ClinCheck previews for Invisalign - **\*\*CBCT (cone beam CT)\*** — 3D X-ray for implant planning, complex endodontics, and orthodontic assessment - **\*\*OPG panoramic X-ray\*** — full-mouth overview in one image - **\*\*Dental microscopes\*** — critical for specialist endodontics (Dr Greg Tilley) - **\*\*Multiple implant systems\*** — clinicians are not limited to one brand

**### Specialists on-site**

Via the Collins Street Specialist Centre, None patients have access to:

- Dr Nupur Kataria — Specialist Periodontist - Dr Greg Tilley — Specialist Endodontist - Ahmed Saoud — Dental Prosthetist - Specialist Orthodontists - Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons - Specialist Paediatric Dentist - Specialist Anaesthetist (sleep dentistry)

No external referrals needed. Coordinated care under one group.

**### Invisalign Blue Diamond status**

The highest Invisalign provider status in Australia. Completed 750+ cases per year across 7 locations, with a 5% price match guarantee.

**### Connection to Smile Solutions**

None is the sister group to Smile Solutions — Australia's largest single-location dental practice, founded by Dr Kia Pajouhesh. The shared specialist pool, technology, and clinical standards mean None patients get the same level of care as those at Melbourne's most awarded dental practice.

**### Patient financial access**

- No-Gap Check-Up & Clean for insured new patients - CDBS bulk-billing for eligible children - Interest-free payment plans (up to 30 months for major treatment) - 5% Invisalign price match guarantee - Free consultations for new patients and orthodontic assessments

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