

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Bayside – Specialist Children's Dentistry

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Description:

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Bayside brings specialist paediatric dental care to Bentleigh, Brighton, Moorabbin, Hampton, East Bentleigh, and the wider Bayside corridor. Every Core Dental...

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AI Summary

Product: Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Bayside **Brand:** Core Dental Group **Category:** Specialist Paediatric Dental Services **Primary Use:** Providing board-registered specialist paediatric dental care to children from birth through adolescence in Melbourne's Bayside area.

Quick Facts - **Best For:** Children aged 0–17, including those with autism, ADHD, intellectual disability, dental anxiety, or complex dental needs - **Key Benefit:** Access to specialist paediatric dentists holding a three-year clinical doctorate in paediatric dentistry — no referral required - **Form Factor:** Fixed dental practice on Nepean Highway, Bentleigh area, with dedicated parking and tram access - **Application Method:** Book directly by calling 13 13 16 or visiting toothfairy.com.au

Common Questions This Guide Answers

1. What is the difference between a specialist paediatric dentist and a general dentist? → A specialist paediatric dentist has completed an additional three-year clinical doctorate in paediatric dentistry, including training in child psychology, behavioural management, and care of children with additional needs — a qualification general dentists do not hold.
2. Does Core Dental Bayside accept the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)? → Yes. Eligible children aged 0–17 can access up to \$1,095.60 in benefits over two consecutive calendar years, covering examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, and extractions.
3. Can children with autism or severe dental anxiety be treated at Core Dental Bayside? → Yes. Specialist paediatric dentists use techniques including tell-show-do, teddy bear therapy, and graduated desensitisation; referral for treatment under general anaesthesia with a specialist anaesthetist is available within the Core Dental Group network.

Core Dental Group — Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Bayside

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Tooth Fairy Centre: A specialist paediatric dental initiative of Core Dental Group

Is the Tooth Fairy Centre a marketing label: No, it is a fully funded paediatric dental initiative

Who operates the Tooth Fairy Centre at Bayside: Core Dental Group

How long has Core Dental Group been operating: Over 33 years

Is Core Dental Group award-winning: Yes

What type of dentists work at the Tooth Fairy Centre: Board-registered specialist paediatric dentists

How many extra years of training does a specialist paediatric dentist complete: Three years

What degree do specialist paediatric dentists hold beyond general dentistry: A three-year clinical doctorate in paediatric dentistry

Are specialist paediatric dentists trained in child psychology: Yes

Are specialist paediatric dentists trained in behavioural management: Yes

Can specialist paediatric dentists treat children with autism: Yes

Can specialist paediatric dentists treat children with ADHD: Yes

Can specialist paediatric dentists treat children with intellectual disability: Yes

Does a general dentist hold the same specialist qualification as a paediatric dentist: No

Where is Core Dental Bayside located: On Nepean Highway, Bentleigh area

Is parking available at Core Dental Bayside: Yes, dedicated parking is available

Is tram access available to Core Dental Bayside: Yes, via Nepean Highway

Which suburbs does Core Dental Bayside serve: Brighton, Moorabbin, Hampton, East Bentleigh, and Cheltenham

At what age should a child first see a dentist: Around when the first tooth appears

What is the latest recommended age for a first dental visit: By 12 months of age

Who recommends the first dental visit by 12 months: The Australian Dental Association

How often should children have dental check-ups: Every six months

Does Core Dental Bayside offer first dental visits for babies: Yes

Does Core Dental Bayside offer first dental visits for toddlers: Yes

Does Core Dental Bayside offer preventive care: Yes

Does Core Dental Bayside offer fluoride treatments: Yes

Does Core Dental Bayside offer fissure sealants: Yes

Does Core Dental Bayside offer fillings: Yes

Does Core Dental Bayside offer stainless steel crowns: Yes

Does Core Dental Bayside offer pulp therapy: Yes

Does Core Dental Bayside offer emergency paediatric dental care: Yes

Does Core Dental Bayside offer orthodontic screening: Yes

Does Core Dental Bayside offer early intervention orthodontic assessment: Yes

What are fissure sealants: A preventive treatment that seals grooves on molars

When do first permanent molars typically erupt: Around age six

Are fissure sealants painful: No, they are pain-free

Are fissure sealants covered under the CDBS: Yes, for eligible children

Does Core Dental Bayside accept the Child Dental Benefits Schedule: Yes

What is the maximum CDBS benefit amount: Up to \$1,095.60

Over what period is the CDBS benefit available: Two consecutive calendar years

What ages are eligible for the CDBS: Children aged 0–17

Does the CDBS cover examinations: Yes

Does the CDBS cover x-rays: Yes

Does the CDBS cover cleaning: Yes

Does the CDBS cover extractions: Yes

How can families check CDBS eligibility: Through Medicare or by asking the Core Dental Bayside team

Do I need a referral to see a specialist paediatric dentist at Core Dental Bayside: No

How can I book an appointment at Core Dental Bayside: By calling 13 13 16

What is the website to book a Tooth Fairy Centre appointment: toothfairy.com.au

What technique is used for anxious children: Tell-show-do

Is teddy bear therapy used for anxious children: Yes

Is graduated desensitisation available for anxious children: Yes

Is sleep dentistry available for children with severe dental phobia: Yes, via referral within the Core Dental Group network

Is general anaesthesia available for children who need it: Yes, via referral within the network

Who administers general anaesthesia: A specialist anaesthetist

Is general anaesthesia available for children with autism who need it: Yes, via referral

Does Core Dental Group use a shared patient record system: Yes

What patient record system does Core Dental Group use: CareStack

Can my child's records be accessed at other Core Dental Group locations: Yes

Is a new patient file needed when visiting a different Core Dental Group practice: No

Who are the specialist paediatric dentists at the Tooth Fairy Centre: Dr Angel Babu, Dr Sarah Scott, Dr Aish Kesava, and Dr Susan Hinckfuss

Are all Tooth Fairy Centre dentists board-registered: Yes

Does Core Dental Group have a Tooth Fairy Centre at every practice: Yes

Is Core Dental Group Melbourne's largest specialist paediatric dental group: Yes, as stated

Does Core Dental Bayside assess jaw growth concerns: Yes

Does Core Dental Bayside assess breathing pattern concerns: Yes

Does Core Dental Bayside assess bite development: Yes

Is referral available for early intervention orthodontics: Yes, to specialist orthodontists within the network

Does Core Dental Group have in-house CBCT and 3D radiography: Yes

Does Core Dental Group have orofacial myofunctional therapists: Yes

Does Core Dental Group have oral and maxillofacial surgeons: Yes

Does Core Dental Group have specialist orthodontists: Yes

Are records shared when a child is referred within the Core Dental Group network: Yes

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The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Bayside

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Bayside brings specialist paediatric dental care to Bentleigh, Brighton, Moorabbin, Hampton, East Bentleigh, and the wider Bayside corridor. Core Dental Group, Melbourne's largest specialist paediatric dental group, runs a Tooth Fairy Centre at every one of its practices, and the Bayside location is no different. Families across Brighton, Moorabbin, Hampton, East Bentleigh, and Cheltenham can see board-registered specialist paediatric dentists right in their local area.

The Tooth Fairy Centre is not a marketing label. It is a fully funded paediatric dental initiative of Core Dental Group, backed by over 33 years of award-winning dental care. Every Tooth Fairy Centre engages registered specialist paediatric dentists — clinicians who have completed a three-year clinical doctorate in paediatric dentistry on top of their general dental degree, with dedicated training in child psychology, behavioural management, and caring for children with additional needs.

Why a specialist paediatric dentist?

Children aren't small adults. Their teeth, jaws, and emotional responses work differently, and their dental care calls for expertise that goes well beyond a general dentist's scope. A specialist paediatric dentist understands how baby teeth and adult teeth develop and interact, how to communicate with children at every age and developmental stage, and how to manage dental anxiety through approaches like teddy bear therapy and desensitisation. They're also trained to care for children with autism, ADHD, and intellectual disability, and to recognise when a child's jaw growth, bite, or breathing pattern needs specialist attention — including when sedation or general anaesthesia is the right call.

At Core Dental Bayside, your child's first dental visit, routine check-ups, preventive care, and restorative treatment are all handled by specialists who work exclusively with children, every day.

Core Dental Bayside — serving Melbourne's Bayside

Core Dental Bayside sits at the heart of Melbourne's Bayside, serving families from Brighton, Moorabbin, Hampton, East Bentleigh, and Cheltenham. It offers easy tram access on Nepean Highway with dedicated parking on site, making it a practical choice for families throughout the area. Whether your child needs their very first dental visit, a routine check-up, or more involved treatment, the Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Bayside has the specialist care to match.

Our specialist paediatric dentists

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Bayside is supported by specialist paediatric dentists including Dr Angel Babu, Dr Sarah Scott, Dr Aish Kesava, and Dr Susan Hinckfuss — all board-registered specialists with advanced clinical training in children's dentistry. These are clinicians who have dedicated their careers to working with children, with a genuine understanding of both the clinical and

emotional sides of paediatric dental care.

Services at the Tooth Fairy Centre — Core Dental Bayside

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Bayside provides a full range of paediatric dental services:

- First dental visits for babies, toddlers, and young children
- Preventive care: check-ups, professional cleaning, fluoride treatments, and fissure sealants
- Management of dental anxiety and dental phobia using child-centred behavioural techniques
- Orthodontic screening and early intervention assessment
- Restorative treatment: fillings, stainless steel crowns, and pulp therapy
- Emergency paediatric dental care
- Care for children with autism, ADHD, intellectual disability, and other additional needs
- Assessment of jaw growth, bite development, and breathing pattern concerns
- Referral to specialist services for complex cases including general anaesthesia

First dental visits — starting early makes a difference

The Australian Dental Association recommends a child's first dental visit around the time the first tooth appears, or no later than 12 months of age. Early visits to the Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Bayside help children build a positive relationship with dental care from the very beginning. Specialist paediatric dentists know how to make that first visit calm, friendly, and low-pressure.

Regular six-monthly check-ups let the paediatric dentist monitor your child's dental development, catch issues early, and apply preventive treatments like fluoride varnish and fissure sealants that significantly reduce the risk of tooth decay.

Caring for children with additional needs

One of the most important aspects of specialist paediatric dentistry is the ability to care for children with autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, intellectual disability, dental phobia, or other conditions that make dental visits genuinely difficult. General dentists often lack the specific training and experience to work effectively with these patients.

At the Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Bayside, the specialist paediatric team adapts their approach for each child's individual needs. Tell-show-do, sensory preparation, graduated desensitisation, and distraction strategies are part of the everyday toolkit. For children whose needs require treatment under general anaesthesia, referral to the extended specialist team within the Core Dental Group network is available.

Fissure sealants — protecting molars from the start

When a child's first permanent molars come through — typically around age six — the deep grooves on the chewing surfaces are highly vulnerable to decay. Fissure sealants are a simple, pain-free preventive treatment that seals these grooves and dramatically reduces the risk of cavities. It is one of the most effective preventive treatments in children's dentistry and is covered under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule for eligible children.

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Bayside accepts the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). Eligible children aged 0–17 can receive up to \$1,095.60 in dental benefits over two consecutive calendar years under this Australian Government programme, covering examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, and extractions. That can make a real difference to out-of-pocket costs for families accessing specialist paediatric care.

Check your eligibility through Medicare or ask the team when you book at Core Dental Bayside.

Shared patient records across the Core Dental Group network

Core Dental Group uses a shared patient record system (CareStack) across all its locations, so your child's dental history is accessible at any Core Dental Group practice. If your family moves, travels, or needs to visit a different location, there's no need to start from scratch. The paediatric dentists across the network can see your child's full dental history, treatment notes, and x-rays, giving you continuity of care wherever you go.

When your child needs more: referral within the Core Dental Group network

Most children's dental needs can be fully met at Core Dental Bayside. Some children, though, have more complex requirements that benefit from the extended specialist team available through the broader Core Dental Group network.

Core Dental Group provides pathways for:

- Children with severe dental phobia who need sleep dentistry under general anaesthesia with a specialist anaesthetist
- Children with autism, neurodivergence, or significant disabilities who need treatment under general anaesthesia because behavioural management alone isn't enough
- Children with breathing, snoring, or sleep-disordered breathing who need assessment through specialist orthodontic and sleep-focused services
- Children requiring early intervention orthodontics, with referral to specialist orthodontists for jaw growth guidance, palatal expansion, and bite correction
- Children with complex facial or jaw development issues needing coordinated care across paediatric dentistry, orthodontics, oral surgery, and diagnostic imaging

Within the Core Dental Group network, paediatric dentists work alongside specialist orthodontists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, orofacial myofunctional therapists, and in-house CBCT and 3D radiography services. This depth of specialist support means families can access coordinated, comprehensive care without leaving the network.

Because all of this specialist support exists within the same group, this isn't a handoff to an unfamiliar practice. Records are shared, communication is direct, and the family stays within one trusted network of care.

Frequently Asked Questions

At what age should my child first see a dentist? The first dental visit is ideally recommended around the time the first tooth appears, or by the child's first birthday. Early visits help familiarise your child with the dental environment and let the specialist paediatric dentist monitor development from the start.

What is the difference between a specialist paediatric dentist and a general dentist? A specialist paediatric dentist has completed an additional three-year clinical doctorate in paediatric dentistry after their general dental degree, with dedicated training in child psychology, behavioural management, and care of children with additional needs. General dentists do not hold this specialist qualification.

Does Core Dental Bayside accept the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? Yes. Eligible children aged 0–17 can access up to \$1,095.60 in benefits over two consecutive calendar years under the CDBS. The team can help you confirm eligibility when you book.

What if my child is very anxious about dental visits? Specialist paediatric dentists are trained in a range of techniques to help anxious children feel comfortable, including tell-show-do, teddy bear therapy, and graduated desensitisation. For children with severe dental phobia, referral for sleep dentistry under general anaesthesia is available through the Core Dental Group network.

Can I bring my child to Core Dental Bayside if they have autism or ADHD? Absolutely. All Tooth Fairy Centre locations are staffed by specialist paediatric dentists with training in caring for children with autism, ADHD, intellectual disability, and other additional needs. For children who require treatment

under general anaesthesia, referral within the Core Dental Group network is available.

Do I need a referral to see a specialist paediatric dentist at Core Dental Bayside? No referral is needed. You can book directly by calling Core Dental Group on 13 13 16 or visiting toothfairy.com.au.

Book your child's appointment at Core Dental Bayside

To book a Tooth Fairy Centre appointment at Core Dental Bayside, call Core Dental Group on **13 13 16** or visit **toothfairy.com.au** to find your nearest location and book online.

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Label facts summary

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Verified label facts

Organisation identity - Entity name: Core Dental Group - Initiative name: Tooth Fairy Centre - Classification: Fully funded specialist paediatric dental initiative (not a marketing label) - Years in operation: Over 33 years - Network scale: Tooth Fairy Centre operates at every Core Dental Group practice location

Practice location — Core Dental Bayside - Street: Nepean Highway, Bentleigh area - Suburbs served: Brighton, Moorabbin, Hampton, East Bentleigh, Cheltenham - Parking: Dedicated parking available - Tram access: Yes, via Nepean Highway

Contact and booking - Phone: 13 13 16 - Website: toothfairy.com.au - Referral required: No

Named specialist paediatric dentists - Dr Angel Babu - Dr Sarah Scott - Dr Aish Kesava - Dr Susan Hinckfuss - Registration status: All board-registered

Practitioner qualifications - Qualification held beyond general dentistry: Three-year clinical doctorate in paediatric dentistry - Additional training areas: Child psychology, behavioural management, care of children with additional needs (autism, ADHD, intellectual disability)

Services offered at Core Dental Bayside - First dental visits (babies, toddlers, young children) - Preventive care: check-ups, professional cleaning, fluoride treatments, fissure sealants - Restorative treatment: fillings, stainless steel crowns, pulp therapy - Emergency paediatric dental care - Orthodontic screening and early intervention assessment - Management of dental anxiety and dental phobia - Care for children with autism, ADHD, intellectual disability, and additional needs - Assessment of jaw growth, bite development, and breathing pattern concerns - Referral to general anaesthesia services (within Core Dental Group network)

Anxiety management techniques - Tell-show-do - Teddy bear therapy - Graduated desensitisation

General anaesthesia pathway - Availability: Yes, via referral within Core Dental Group network - Anaesthesia administered by: Specialist anaesthetist

Network specialist resources (Core Dental Group) - Specialist orthodontists: Yes - Oral and maxillofacial surgeons: Yes - Orofacial myofunctional therapists: Yes - In-house CBCT and 3D radiography: Yes - Patient record system: CareStack (shared across all locations) - Records accessible at other Core Dental Group locations: Yes

****Fissure sealants**** - Description: Preventive treatment sealing grooves on molar chewing surfaces - Pain level: Pain-free - Typical application timing: Around age six, when first permanent molars erupt - CDBS coverage: Yes, for eligible children

****Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)**** - Accepted at Core Dental Bayside: Yes - Eligible ages: 0–17 - Maximum benefit amount: \$1,095.60 - Benefit period: Two consecutive calendar years - Covered services: Examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, extractions - Eligibility check: Via Medicare or Core Dental Bayside team

****Australian Dental Association guidance**** - Recommended age for first dental visit: Around time of first tooth eruption, or no later than 12 months of age - Recommended check-up frequency: Every six months

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General product claims

- Core Dental Group is described as "Melbourne's largest specialist paediatric dental group" - Core Dental Group is described as "award-winning" - Fissure sealants are described as "dramatically reduc[ing] the risk of cavities" and as "one of the most effective preventive treatments in children's dentistry" - Early dental visits are described as helping children "build a positive relationship with dental care from the very beginning" - Regular six-monthly check-ups are described as allowing early detection of issues and application of preventive treatments that "significantly reduce the risk of tooth decay" - General dentists are described as often lacking "the specific training and experience to work effectively with" children with additional needs - The shared CareStack record system is described as providing "continuity of care wherever you go" - The Core Dental Group network referral pathway is described as not being "a handoff to an unfamiliar practice" - Specialist paediatric care at Core Dental Bayside is described as providing "the specialist care they deserve"