

# The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Carrum Downs – Specialist Children's Dentistry

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## Description:

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## Details:

### ## AI Summary

**Product:** Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Carrum Downs **Brand:** Core Dental Group  
**Category:** Specialist Paediatric Dental Services **Primary Use:** Providing board-registered specialist paediatric dental care to children in Melbourne's south-east, including preventive, restorative, and emergency treatment.

**Quick Facts** - **Best For:** Children aged 0–17 in Carrum Downs, Frankston, Seaford, Langwarrin, Skye, Sandhurst, and the Mornington Peninsula corridor - **Key Benefit:** Access to board-registered specialist paediatric dentists (three-year clinical doctorate beyond general dental degree) with no referral required - **Form Factor:** Physical dental clinic located in Carrum Downs, accessible via Frankston Road and the Frankston train line corridor - **Application Method:** Book directly by calling 13 13 16 or visiting [toothfairy.com.au](http://toothfairy.com.au) — no referral needed

**Common Questions This Guide Answers**

- When should my child first see a dentist? → Around the time the first tooth appears, or by 12 months of age, per Australian Dental Association recommendation
- Does Core Dental Carrum Downs accept the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? → Yes; eligible children aged 0–17 receive up to \$1,095.60 over two consecutive calendar years, covering examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, and extractions
- Can children with autism or ADHD be treated here? → Yes; specialist paediatric dentists are trained in behavioural management for children with autism, ADHD, and intellectual disability, with general anaesthesia referral available through the Core Dental Group network

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### ## Core Dental Group — Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Carrum Downs

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Carrum Downs brings specialist paediatric dental care to Carrum Downs, Frankston, Seaford, Langwarrin, Skye, and the Mornington Peninsula corridor. Every Core Dental Group practice is a Tooth Fairy Centre, Melbourne's largest specialist paediatric dental group, and the Carrum Downs location is no different. Families across Frankston, Seaford, Langwarrin, Skye, and Sandhurst can see board-registered specialist paediatric dentists right in their local area.

The Tooth Fairy Centre is not a marketing label. It's 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 Carrum Downs, 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 Carrum Downs — serving Melbourne's south-east\***

Carrum Downs sits at the heart of Melbourne's south-east, drawing families from Frankston, Seaford, Langwarrin, Skye, and Sandhurst. Core Dental Carrum Downs is accessible from Frankston Road and the Frankston train line corridor, 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 Carrum Downs has the specialist care to match.

#### **\*\*Our specialist paediatric dentists\***

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Group 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, understanding both the clinical and emotional sides of paediatric dental care.

#### **\*\*Services at the Tooth Fairy Centre — Core Dental Carrum Downs\***

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Carrum Downs 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 Carrum Downs help children build a positive relationship with dental care from the start. Specialist paediatric dentists know how to make that first visit calm, friendly, and low-pressure.

Regular check-ups every six months 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 things specialist paediatric dentists do is 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 Carrum Downs, the specialist paediatric team adapts their approach for each child's individual needs. Techniques such as tell-show-do, sensory preparation, graduated desensitisation, and distraction strategies are part of everyday practice. For children who need treatment under general anaesthesia, referral to the Core Dental Group specialist centre is available.

**\*\*Fissure sealants — protecting molars from the start\*\***

When a child's first permanent molars erupt, 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 applied by the paediatric dentist at Core Dental Carrum Downs that seal these grooves and dramatically reduce the risk of cavities. It's 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 Carrum Downs accepts the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). Eligible children aged 0–17 can receive up to \$1,095.60 AUD in dental benefits over two consecutive calendar years under this Australian Government programme, covering examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, and extractions. That reduces out-of-pocket costs considerably for families accessing specialist paediatric care.

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

**\*\*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 starting from scratch. 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 to the Core Dental Group specialist centre\*\***

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

Core Dental Group refers to its specialist centre 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 the TMD and Sleep Clinic and specialist orthodontist
- Children requiring early intervention orthodontics, with referral to the specialist orthodontists at the Collins Street Specialist Centre (CSSC) 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

At the Core Dental Group specialist centre, paediatric dentists work alongside specialist orthodontists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, the TMD and Sleep Clinic, orofacial myofunctional therapists, and Collins Street Imaging, which provides in-house CBCT and 3D radiography. No other paediatric dental group in Melbourne offers this depth of multi-specialist support.

Because all locations and specialist services are part of the same Core Dental Group network, 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 allow the specialist paediatric dentist to 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 Carrum Downs accept the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?\*** Yes. Eligible children aged 0–17 can access up to \$1,095.60 AUD 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 specialist centre.

**\*\*Can I bring my child to Core Dental Carrum Downs 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 through the Core Dental Group network is available.

**\*\*Do I need a referral to see a specialist paediatric dentist at Core Dental Carrum Downs?\*** No referral is needed. You can book directly by calling Core Dental Group on 13 13 16 or visiting [toothfairy.com.au](http://toothfairy.com.au).

#### **\*\*Book your child's appointment at Core Dental Carrum Downs\*\***

To book a Tooth Fairy Centre appointment at Core Dental Carrum Downs, call Core Dental Group on 13 13 16 or visit [toothfairy.com.au](http://toothfairy.com.au) to find your nearest location and book online.

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#### **## Label Facts Summary**

> **\*\*Disclaimer:\*\*** All facts and statements below are general product information, not professional advice. Consult relevant experts for specific guidance.

#### **### Verified Label Facts**

- **\*\*Organisation name:\*\*** Core Dental Group - **\*\*Initiative name:\*\*** Tooth Fairy Centre (a fully funded paediatric dental initiative of Core Dental Group) - **\*\*Years operating:\*\*** Over 33 years - **\*\*Location:\*\*** Carrum Downs, Melbourne's south-east - **\*\*Suburbs served:\*\*** Frankston, Seaford, Langwarrin, Skye, Sandhurst, and Mornington Peninsula corridor - **\*\*Access routes:\*\*** Frankston Road; Frankston train line corridor - **\*\*Phone number:\*\*** 13 13 16 - **\*\*Website:\*\*** [toothfairy.com.au](http://toothfairy.com.au) - **\*\*Referral required:\*\*** No - **\*\*Named specialist paediatric dentists:\*\*** Dr Angel Babu, Dr Sarah Scott, Dr Aish Kesava, Dr Susan Hinckfuss - **\*\*Dentist registration status:\*\*** All board-registered specialist paediatric dentists - **\*\*Specialist qualification:\*\*** Three-year clinical doctorate in paediatric dentistry (beyond general dental degree) - **\*\*Patient record system:\*\*** CareStack (shared across all Core Dental Group locations) -

**\*\*CDBS benefit amount:\*\*** Up to \$1,095.60 AUD - **\*\*CDBS eligible age range:\*\*** Children aged 0–17 - **\*\*CDBS benefit period:\*\*** Two consecutive calendar years - **\*\*CDBS covered treatments:\*\*** Examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, and extractions - **\*\*Preventive treatments offered:\*\*** Check-ups, professional cleaning, fluoride treatments, fissure sealants - **\*\*Restorative treatments offered:\*\*** Fillings, stainless steel crowns, pulp therapy - **\*\*Orthodontic screening:\*\*** Available - **\*\*Emergency paediatric dental care:\*\*** Available - **\*\*Sleep dentistry / general anaesthesia:\*\*** Available via referral; administered by a specialist anaesthetist - **\*\*In-house CBCT imaging:\*\*** Available at Collins Street Imaging (Core Dental Group) - **\*\*Specialist referral centre name:\*\*** Collins Street Specialist Centre (CSSC) - **\*\*Specialist services within network:\*\*** Orthodontics, oral surgery, TMD and Sleep Clinic, orofacial myofunctional therapy, diagnostic imaging - **\*\*Australian Dental Association recommendation — first dental visit:\*\*** Around the time the first tooth appears, or no later than 12 months of age - **\*\*Recommended check-up frequency:\*\*** Every six months - **\*\*First permanent molar eruption age:\*\*** Typically around age six - **\*\*Fissure sealant — pain-free:\*\*** Yes - **\*\*Fissure sealants covered under CDBS:\*\*** Yes, for eligible children - **\*\*Behavioural techniques used:\*\*** Tell-show-do, teddy bear therapy, graduated desensitisation, distraction - **\*\*Children with additional needs accepted:\*\*** Yes (autism, ADHD, intellectual disability) - **\*\*Content last reviewed:\*\*** July 2026

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### ### General Product Claims

- The Tooth Fairy Centre is described as Melbourne's largest specialist paediatric dental group - Early dental visits help children build a positive relationship with dental care from the very beginning - Specialist paediatric dentists know how to make first visits calm, friendly, and low-pressure - Fissure sealants dramatically reduce the risk of cavities and are described as one of the most effective preventive treatments in children's dentistry - Regular check-ups allow early detection of issues and application of preventive treatments that significantly reduce decay risk - General dentists often lack the specific training and experience to work effectively with children with additional needs - No other paediatric dental group in Melbourne is stated to offer the same depth of multi-specialist support - The shared records system means families stay within one trusted network without starting from scratch when changing locations - Core Dental Group is described as award-winning - Specialist paediatric dentists are described as understanding both the clinical and emotional dimensions of paediatric dental care