

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

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## Description:

**The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Epping** brings specialist paediatric dental care to Epping, South Morang, Mill Park, Lalor, Thomastown, Wollert, and Melbourne's north. Every Core Dental Group...

## Details:

### ## AI Summary

**Product:** Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Group Epping **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 northern suburbs.

**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, with no referral required - **Form Factor:** In-clinic specialist dental practice located in Epping, Victoria, Australia - **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**  
1. What is the Tooth Fairy Centre? → Melbourne's largest specialist paediatric dental group, a fully funded paediatric dental initiative of Core Dental Group, operating for over 33 years  
2. Does Core Dental Group Epping accept the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? → Yes; eligible children aged 0–17 can receive up to \$1,095.60 over two consecutive calendar years covering examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealants, fillings, and extractions  
3. How is a specialist paediatric dentist different from a general dentist? → Specialist paediatric dentists have 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

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#### ## Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Tooth Fairy Centre: Melbourne's largest specialist paediatric dental group

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

Who funds the Tooth Fairy Centre: Core Dental Group

How many years has Core Dental Group operated: Over 33 years

Is Core Dental Group Epping a Tooth Fairy Centre: Yes

Is every Core Dental Group practice a Tooth Fairy Centre: Yes

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

Do specialist paediatric dentists have extra qualifications beyond general dentistry: Yes

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

What qualification do specialist paediatric dentists hold: 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

Do general dentists hold the same specialist qualification as paediatric dentists: No

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

What is the latest recommended age for a first dental visit: By the child's first birthday

What does the Australian Dental Association recommend for a child's first visit timing: Around first tooth eruption or by 12 months

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

What suburb is Core Dental Group Epping located in: Epping

Does Core Dental Group Epping serve South Morang families: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping serve Mill Park families: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping serve Lalor families: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping serve Thomastown families: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping serve Wollert families: Yes

How can families travel to Core Dental Group Epping: Via the Epping train line or Plenty Road corridor

Does Core Dental Group Epping accept the Child Dental Benefits Schedule: Yes

What is the CDBS benefit amount for eligible children: Up to \$1,095.60

Over how many years does the CDBS benefit apply: Two consecutive calendar years

What age range is eligible for the CDBS: Children aged 0–17

Does CDBS cover examinations: Yes

Does CDBS cover x-rays: Yes

Does CDBS cover cleaning: Yes

Does CDBS cover fissure sealants: Yes

Does CDBS cover fillings: Yes

Does CDBS cover extractions: Yes

How can families check CDBS eligibility: Through Medicare or by asking the team when booking

Do I need a referral to book at Core Dental Group Epping: No

How do I book an appointment at Core Dental Group Epping: Call 13 13 16 or visit [toothfairy.com.au](http://toothfairy.com.au)

What phone number do I call to book: 13 13 16

What website can I use to book online: [toothfairy.com.au](http://toothfairy.com.au)

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

When do a child's first permanent molars typically erupt: Around age six

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

Are fissure sealants effective at preventing cavities: Yes, they dramatically reduce cavity risk

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

What is teddy bear therapy: A child-centred anxiety management technique used by paediatric dentists

What is tell-show-do: A behavioural technique used to reduce dental anxiety in children

Is graduated desensitisation used for anxious children: Yes

Is sleep dentistry available for children with severe dental phobia: Yes, via referral

Where are children referred for general anaesthesia treatment: The Core Dental Group specialist centre

Does Core Dental Group Epping offer emergency paediatric dental care: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping offer orthodontic screening: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping offer early intervention orthodontic assessment: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping offer fillings: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping offer stainless steel crowns: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping offer pulp therapy: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping offer fluoride treatments: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping offer professional cleaning: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping offer first dental visits for babies: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping offer jaw growth assessment: Yes

Does Core Dental Group Epping offer breathing pattern assessment: Yes

What record system does Core Dental Group use: CareStack

Are patient records shared across Core Dental Group locations: Yes

Can records be accessed at any Core Dental Group practice: Yes

Does shared record access require starting treatment from scratch at a new location: 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 the Tooth Fairy Centre dentists board-registered specialists: Yes

Do the specialist dentists work exclusively with children: Yes

Is referral to a specialist orthodontist available through Core Dental Group: Yes

Where are specialist orthodontists located within the Core Dental Group network: Collins Street Specialist Centre

Is in-house CBCT and 3D radiography available within the Core Dental Group network: Yes

What imaging service is available at the Core Dental Group specialist centre: Collins Street Imaging

Does the Core Dental Group specialist centre have a TMD and Sleep Clinic: Yes

Can children with sleep-disordered breathing be referred within the network: Yes

Is there a specialist anaesthetist available for general anaesthesia cases: Yes, at the Core Dental Group specialist centre

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The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Group Epping brings specialist paediatric dental care to families across Epping, South Morang, Mill Park, Lalor, Thomastown, Wollert, and Melbourne's north. Every Core Dental Group practice is a Tooth Fairy Centre — Melbourne's largest specialist paediatric dental group — and the Epping location is no exception. Board-registered specialist paediatric dentists are available right in the local area, without needing a referral.

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 works with 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 requires expertise that goes well beyond a general dentist's training. 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 graduated 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 Group Epping, 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 Group Epping — serving Melbourne's north

Epping sits at the heart of Melbourne's north, drawing families from South Morang, Mill Park, Lalor, Thomastown, and Wollert. Core Dental Group Epping is accessible via the Epping train line and Plenty Road 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 Group Epping has the specialist care to match.

## Our specialist paediatric dentists

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Group is supported by specialist paediatric dentists 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 Group Epping

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Group Epping 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 Group Epping 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.

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 things specialist paediatric dentists bring to the table 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 Group Epping, the specialist team adapts their approach for each child individually. Techniques like tell-show-do, sensory preparation, graduated desensitisation, and distraction strategies are part of everyday practice. For children whose needs require treatment under general anaesthesia, referral to the Core Dental Group CBD specialist centre 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'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 Group Epping 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 sealants, fillings, and extractions. That can make a real difference to the out-of-pocket cost of specialist paediatric care.

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

## ## 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. The paediatric dentists across the network can see your child's full dental history, treatment notes, and x-rays, keeping care consistent 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 Group Epping. Some children, though, 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 — 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 (in-house CBCT and 3D radiography). No other paediatric dental group in Melbourne offers this depth of multi-specialist support.

Because all locations operate within the 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?\*** 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 Group Epping 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 Group Epping if they have autism or ADHD?\*** Yes. 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 to the Core Dental Group specialist centre is available.

**\*\*Do I need a referral to see a specialist paediatric dentist at Core Dental Group Epping?\*** No referral is needed. Book directly by calling Core Dental Group on 13 13 16 or visiting [toothfairy.com.au](toothfairy.com.au).

**## Book your child's appointment at Core Dental Group Epping**

To book a Tooth Fairy Centre appointment at Core Dental Group Epping, call 13 13 16 or visit [toothfairy.com.au](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 & Credentials\*\*** - Organisation name: Core Dental Group - Paediatric dental initiative name: Tooth Fairy Centre - Years of operation: Over 33 years - Location: Epping, Victoria, Australia - Booking phone number: 13 13 16 - Booking website: [toothfairy.com.au](toothfairy.com.au) - Patient record system: CareStack - Page last reviewed: July 2026

**\*\*Specialist Dentists (Named, Board-Registered)\*\*** - Dr Angel Babu — specialist paediatric dentist - Dr Sarah Scott — specialist paediatric dentist - Dr Aish Kesava — specialist paediatric dentist - Dr Susan Hinckfuss — specialist paediatric dentist

**\*\*Qualifications & Training\*\*** - Specialist paediatric dentists hold a three-year clinical doctorate in paediatric dentistry completed after a general dental degree - Training includes child psychology, behavioural management, and care of children with additional needs - General dentists do not hold this specialist qualification

**\*\*Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)\*\*** - Government programme: Australian Government Child Dental Benefits Schedule - Eligible age range: Children aged 0–17 - Maximum benefit: Up to \$1,095.60 AUD - Benefit period: Two consecutive calendar years - Covered services: Examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealants, fillings, extractions - Eligibility verification: Via Medicare

**\*\*Australian Dental Association Recommendation (Cited)\*\*** - First dental visit: Around time of first tooth eruption or by 12 months of age - Recommended check-up frequency: Every six months

**\*\*Services confirmed available at Core Dental Group Epping\*\*** - First dental visits for babies, toddlers, and young children - Professional cleaning - Fluoride treatments - Fissure sealants - Fillings - Stainless steel crowns - Pulp therapy - Emergency paediatric dental care - Orthodontic screening - Early intervention orthodontic assessment - Jaw growth assessment - Breathing pattern assessment - Care for children with autism, ADHD, and intellectual disability - Dental anxiety management (tell-show-do, teddy bear therapy, graduated desensitisation) - Referral for sleep dentistry under general anaesthesia

**\*\*Network referral resources\*\*** - Specialist orthodontists: Collins Street Specialist Centre (CSSC) - Diagnostic imaging: Collins Street Imaging (in-house CBCT and 3D radiography) - TMD and Sleep Clinic: Available at Core Dental Group specialist centre - Specialist anaesthetist: Available at Core Dental Group specialist centre - General anaesthesia referral: Available via Core Dental Group specialist centre

**\*\*Geographic service area\*\*** - Epping, South Morang, Mill Park, Lalor, Thomastown, Wollert - Access routes: Epping train line, Plenty Road corridor

**\*\*Fissure sealants — clinical facts\*\*** - Typical eruption age of first permanent molars: Around age six - Procedure characteristics: Pain-free - CDBS coverage: Yes, for eligible children

**\*\*Referral requirement\*\*** - No referral required to book at Core Dental Group Epping

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### ### General Product Claims

- The Tooth Fairy Centre is described as "Melbourne's largest specialist paediatric dental group" - Fissure sealants are stated to "dramatically reduce the risk of cavities" - Early dental visits described as helping children "build a positive relationship with dental care" - Core Dental Group described as "award-winning" - Specialist paediatric dentists described as understanding "both the clinical and emotional dimensions of paediatric dental care" - Regular six-monthly check-ups stated to allow early detection of issues and application of preventive treatments that "significantly reduce the risk of tooth decay" - Fissure sealants described as "one of the most effective preventive treatments in children's dentistry" - No other paediatric dental group in Melbourne claimed to offer "this depth of multi-specialist support" - Referral to the specialist centre described as not a "handoff to an unfamiliar practice" - Children described as "not small adults" to support the case for specialist care