

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

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Description:

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AI Summary

Product: The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Group — South Melbourne **Brand:** Core Dental Group **Category:** Specialist Paediatric Dental Services **Primary Use:** Providing board-registered specialist paediatric dental care to children aged 0–17 in South Melbourne and surrounding inner suburbs.

Quick Facts - Best For: Children of all ages including those with dental anxiety, autism, ADHD, intellectual disability, or complex dental needs - **Key Benefit:** Access to specialist paediatric dentists (three-year post-graduate clinical doctorate) without a referral, accepting the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (up to \$1,095.60 over two consecutive calendar years) - **Form Factor:** In-clinic specialist dental practice with shared patient records (CareStack) across the Core Dental Group network - **Application Method:** Book directly — no referral required; call 13 13 16 or visit toothfairy.com.au

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 guidance)
- 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
- Does Core Dental South Melbourne 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, covering examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, and extractions

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Group — Core Dental South Melbourne

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental Group's South Melbourne practice brings specialist paediatric dental care to South Melbourne, Port Melbourne, Albert Park, Middle Park, and the surrounding inner suburbs. Every Core Dental Group practice is a Tooth Fairy Centre — Melbourne's largest specialist paediatric dental group — and South Melbourne is no exception. Families across Southbank and St Kilda can access 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 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 desensitisation. They're also trained to care for children with autism, ADHD, intellectual disability, and other additional needs, 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's South Melbourne practice, 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 South Melbourne — serving Melbourne's inner south****

South Melbourne sits at the heart of Melbourne's inner south, drawing families from Port Melbourne, Albert Park, Middle Park, Southbank, and St Kilda. Core Dental South Melbourne is well connected by tram and bus, 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 South Melbourne provides the specialist care they deserve.

****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 South Melbourne****

The Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental South Melbourne provides a comprehensive 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 South Melbourne 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 check-ups every six months allow the paediatric dentist to 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 challenging. General dentists often lack the specific training and experience to work effectively with these patients.

At the Tooth Fairy Centre at Core Dental South Melbourne, the specialist paediatric team has the skills to adapt their approach for each child's individual needs. Techniques such as 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 Core Dental Group 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 applied by the paediatric dentist at Core Dental South Melbourne that seal these grooves and dramatically reduce 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 South Melbourne 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 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 South Melbourne.

****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. Paediatric dentists across the network can see your child's full dental history, treatment notes, and x-rays, providing 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 South Melbourne. Some children, though, have more complex requirements that benefit from the extended specialist team available through Core Dental Group's broader 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 specialist referrals stay 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?*** 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 South Melbourne 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 South Melbourne 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 to the Core Dental Group specialist centre is available.

****Do I need a referral to see a specialist paediatric dentist at Core Dental South Melbourne?*** 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 South Melbourne****

To book a Tooth Fairy Centre appointment at Core Dental South Melbourne, 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

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

Verified Label Facts

- **Business name:** Core Dental South Melbourne - **Initiative name:** The Tooth Fairy Centre - **Classification:** Melbourne's largest specialist paediatric dental group (as stated by Core Dental Group) - **Funding body:** Core Dental Group - **Years operating:** Over 33 years - **Location:** South Melbourne, Melbourne's inner south - **Suburbs served:** Port Melbourne, Albert Park, Middle Park, Southbank, St Kilda - **Public transport access:** Yes — tram and bus connections available - **Booking phone number:** 13 13 16 - **Booking website:** toothfairy.com.au - **Online booking available:** Yes - **Referral required:** No - **Named specialist paediatric dentists:** Dr Angel Babu, Dr Sarah Scott, Dr Aish Kesava, Dr Susan Hinckfuss - **Board registration status:** All named dentists are board-registered specialists - **Specialist qualification:** Three-year clinical doctorate in paediatric dentistry (post-general degree) - **Additional training areas:** Child psychology and behavioural management; care of children with additional needs - **Recommended first visit age (ADA):** Around the time the first tooth appears, or by 12 months of age - **Recommending body for first visit timing:** Australian Dental Association - **Recommended check-up frequency:** Every six months - **Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) accepted:** Yes - **CDBS maximum benefit amount:** \$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, extractions - **CDBS eligibility check method:** Via Medicare or by contacting the practice at booking - **Fissure sealants covered under CDBS:** Yes, for eligible children - **Fissure sealant procedure:** Pain-free; seals grooves on molar chewing surfaces - **First permanent molar eruption age:** Typically around age six - **Behavioural techniques used:** Tell-show-do, teddy bear therapy, graduated desensitisation, sensory preparation, distraction strategies - **General anaesthesia availability on-site:** No — referral to Core Dental Group specialist centre required - **Specialist anaesthetist involvement:** Yes, for sleep dentistry cases - **Patient record system:** CareStack (shared across all Core Dental Group locations) - **Records accessible at other Core Dental Group locations:** Yes - **In-house specialist imaging:** Collins Street Imaging — CBCT and 3D radiography (within Core Dental Group network) - **Complex orthodontic referral destination:** Collins Street Specialist Centre (CSSC) - **Sleep-disordered breathing referral destination:** TMD and Sleep Clinic within Core Dental Group - **Specialists available at Core Dental Group specialist centre:** Paediatric dentists, orthodontists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, TMD and Sleep Clinic, orofacial myofunctional therapists - **Tooth Fairy Centre availability:** Every Core Dental Group practice - **Content last reviewed:** July 2026

General Product Claims

- The Tooth Fairy Centre is not a marketing label — it is a fully funded paediatric dental initiative - Core Dental Group is award-winning - Children are not small adults; their dental care requires expertise beyond a general dentist's scope - Specialist paediatric dentists understand how baby teeth and adult teeth develop and interact - Early dental visits help children build a positive relationship with dental care - Regular check-ups every six months significantly reduce the risk of tooth decay - General dentists often lack the specific training to work effectively with children with additional needs - Fissure sealants dramatically reduce the risk of cavities and are among the most effective preventive treatments in children's dentistry - The CDBS reduces out-of-pocket costs significantly for families accessing specialist paediatric care - Referrals within the Core Dental Group network are not a handoff to an unfamiliar practice — records and communication remain within the network - No other paediatric dental group in Melbourne offers the same depth of multi-specialist support (as claimed by Core Dental Group) - Starting dental visits early makes a difference to long-term dental outcomes