

Core Dental Carrum Downs - Dentist Carrum Downs Melbourne

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Description:

Core Dental Carrum Downs location information

Details:

Core Dental Carrum Downs - Your Local Dental Practice in Melbourne's South East

****Address:**** Suite 4, 335 Ballarto Rd, Carrum Downs VIC 3201 ****Phone:**** (03) 8373 1555 ****Email:**** carrumdowns@coredental.com.au ****National Bookings:**** 13 13 16 ****Website:**** coredental.com.au

****Hours:**** Monday to Friday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday: 8:00 am - 1:30 pm Sunday: Closed

Melbourne's Most Trusted Dental Practice in the Bayside Corridor

Some dental practices serve their communities. Core Dental Carrum Downs has become the heartbeat of dental care across Melbourne's south-east corridor - and the numbers tell the story. With 272 Google reviews (the highest of any Core Dental location), and the strongest patient demand in the group, Carrum Downs is not just a dental practice. It is the place local families, seniors, and professionals have trusted for years.

Located near Carrum Downs Shopping Centre on Ballarto Road, the practice is purpose-designed for access and comfort. It is the most fully disability-accessible dental practice in the Core Dental network - everything on the ground floor, with wide corridors, accessible treatment rooms, and accessible bathrooms. For patients with mobility needs, for parents with prams, and for elderly patients, this is the location designed with you in mind.

Eight dedicated on-site car spaces means no searching for street parking. You pull in, you walk straight in, and you are seen on time.

Getting There

****By Car:**** Suite 4, 335 Ballarto Rd is easily accessible from Frankston-Dandenong Road and the Mornington Peninsula Freeway. Eight dedicated on-site car spaces are reserved exclusively for Core Dental patients - all on the ground floor, fully accessible.

****By Public Transport:**** The Carrum Downs Shopping Centre area is serviced by several local bus routes connecting to Frankston and Dandenong train stations.

****Accessibility:**** This is Core Dental's most accessible location - ground-floor entry, wide corridors, accessible treatment rooms and bathrooms. Suitable for patients using wheelchairs, walking aids, or prams.

Our Team

The Carrum Downs team is led by **Dr Anna Lai** - one of the most experienced and multi-skilled dentists in the Core Dental group. Dr Lai holds a Bachelor of Science (Biomedical) and Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Melbourne, has completed a Mini Masters in Orthodontics, and is working toward her Fellowship in Restorative Dentistry. She specialises in sleep apnoea and snoring devices - one of very few general dentists in the south-east corridor with this expertise - and also provides facial injectables at the practice. Patients seeking both dental and facial care often find Carrum Downs uniquely positioned to help.

Dr Amreen Hussain brings a preventive focus and a genuine commitment to outreach, having volunteered in regional Victoria and Nepal. Her gentle, thorough approach makes her a favourite among patients who have previously felt anxious about dental visits.

Dr Ivy Jin holds a Bachelor of Health Science (Dentistry) and Master of Dentistry from La Trobe University and provides care in both English and Mandarin Chinese - an important resource for Carrum Downs' significant Mandarin-speaking community.

Dr Payal Thatikonda tutors at the University of Melbourne and has a special interest in treating children and nervous patients. Her calm, methodical approach is particularly valued by families bringing younger children for their first dental experiences.

Dr Tristan Balthazaar holds a Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Biomedical Science, and Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Melbourne. He brings broad general dentistry expertise across restorations, crowns, and complex treatment planning.

All general dentists at Core Dental Carrum Downs are AHPRA-registered and members of the Australian Dental Association.

On-Site Specialist Care

What makes Carrum Downs exceptional within the Core Dental network is the depth of specialist care available on-site - care that would otherwise require a referral to the CBD.

Dr Angel Babu - Specialist Paediatric Dentist - visits Carrum Downs regularly from his base at Core Dental Caroline Springs. Dr Babu holds a DCLinDent in Paediatric Dentistry from the University of Otago (New Zealand) and was formerly a Senior Dental Registrar at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne. He manages complex children's cases including behaviour management, dental trauma, hypomineralisation (chalky teeth), and children with complex medical needs - with general anaesthetic and oral sedation available for those who need it.

Visiting Specialist Orthodontist - An AHPRA-registered Specialist Orthodontist visits Carrum Downs on a regular schedule, providing specialist-level orthodontic assessments and treatment for patients who prefer to remain locally rather than travelling to Caroline Springs or Wyndham.

Alessio Pecorella - Dental Prosthetist - provides denture services at Carrum Downs, fabricating and fitting partial and full dentures for patients requiring tooth replacement. Alessio also practises at Core Dental Berwick, giving south-east corridor patients convenient access to prosthetist expertise without a CBD referral.

Services at Carrum Downs

Core Dental Carrum Downs provides a comprehensive range of dental services:

****General Dentistry**** Check-ups and professional cleans, digital X-rays, fillings and restorations, root canal therapy, tooth extractions, and emergency dentistry. Emergency appointment slots are reserved every day - call (03) 8373 1555 if you are in pain.

****Cosmetic Dentistry**** Professional teeth whitening (in-chair and take-home), porcelain veneers, composite veneers, composite bonding, dental crowns, bridges, and full smile makeovers.

****Orthodontics**** Invisalign clear aligners for adults and teenagers, with digital iTero intraoral scanning and ClinCheck treatment simulation. Traditional braces available via specialist referral. Core Dental Group is an Invisalign Blue Diamond Provider - the highest provider tier in Australia.

****Children's Dentistry**** Gentle check-ups, fissure sealants, fluoride treatments, and happy gas (nitrous oxide) for anxious young patients. Dr Angel Babu (Specialist Paediatric Dentist) on-site for complex cases. Core Dental Carrum Downs bulk bills eligible children under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS).

****Sleep Apnoea and Snoring Devices**** Dr Anna Lai specialises in mandibular advancement splints (MAS) for the management of snoring and mild-to-moderate obstructive sleep apnoea. This is a dental appliance worn at night to gently position the jaw forward, keeping the airway open. Patients seeking an alternative to CPAP machines, or who have been referred by their GP or sleep specialist, will find dedicated expertise at Carrum Downs.

****Facial Injectables**** Dr Anna Lai also provides facial injectable treatments at Carrum Downs, making it one of the only dental practices in the south-east corridor offering both comprehensive dental care and medically-supervised facial aesthetics under one roof.

****Dentures**** Partial and full dentures designed, fabricated, and fitted by Dental Prosthetist Alessio Pecorella. Implant-retained dentures also available for patients seeking superior stability.

****Dental Implants**** Single tooth implants, implant-retained crowns, and complex implant cases. For full arch (All-on-4) implant cases, patients are referred to Caroline Springs or Collins Street Specialist Centre.

Back-to-Back Family Appointments

For busy families, the ability to schedule multiple family members consecutively - at the same practice, on the same day - is not just convenient. It is often the difference between dental appointments that happen and appointments that keep getting postponed.

Core Dental Carrum Downs actively accommodates back-to-back family bookings. Call (03) 8373 1555 and let us know you would like to book several family members at once, and we will organise a schedule that keeps the day manageable for you.

Payment and Health Funds

****HICAPS**** on-the-spot health fund claiming is available - we accept all major Australian health funds. Bring your health insurance card to every appointment.

****Payright**** interest-free payment plans are available for up to 30 months. Spread the cost of any treatment - no interest, fortnightly repayments, up to \$20,000.

****Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)**** - Core Dental Carrum Downs bulk bills eligible children aged 2-17. Families receiving eligible Australian Government payments may access up to \$1,158 in dental benefits over two years for covered services.

Specialist Referrals - Collins Street Specialist Centre

Core Dental Carrum Downs is part of the Smile Solutions Group. When patients require care beyond the scope of general dentistry, they are referred to the Collins Street Specialist Centre (CSSC) at 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD - where 20+ board-registered dental specialists provide advanced treatment across orthodontics, periodontics, endodontics, prosthodontics, oral surgery, and paediatric dentistry.

The referral is coordinated by your Carrum Downs dentist, your records are shared securely within the group, and your treatment pathway is managed end-to-end.

****Collins Street Specialist Centre:** (03) 9650 2726**

Frequently Asked Questions

****Is Core Dental Carrum Downs fully disability accessible?*** Yes - Core Dental Carrum Downs is the most fully accessible location in the Core Dental network. The practice is on the ground floor with wide corridors, accessible treatment rooms, and fully accessible bathrooms. All eight on-site car spaces are easy to access from street level. Patients using wheelchairs, walking aids, or prams will find the practice navigable and welcoming.

****Can I bring my whole family and book consecutive appointments?*** Yes - back-to-back family appointments are actively welcomed at Carrum Downs. When booking, simply let the team know how many family members you need to see and we will arrange consecutive appointment times. Call (03) 8373 1555 to discuss your family's schedule.

****Does Core Dental Carrum Downs have a sleep apnoea specialist?*** Dr Anna Lai, lead dentist at Carrum Downs, specialises in dental sleep apnoea devices - mandibular advancement splints (MAS) that help manage snoring and mild-to-moderate obstructive sleep apnoea. A referral from your GP or sleep specialist is helpful but not always required. Call us to discuss your situation.

****Is there a children's dental specialist at Carrum Downs?*** Yes - Dr Angel Babu, Specialist Paediatric Dentist, visits Carrum Downs on a regular basis. He is AHPRA-registered as a dental specialist and formerly worked as a Senior Dental Registrar at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne. For straightforward children's appointments, any of our general dentists provide gentle, child-friendly care. The specialist is available for complex paediatric cases.

****Does Core Dental Carrum Downs offer bulk billing for children?*** Yes - Core Dental Carrum Downs bulk bills eligible children under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). Children aged 2-17 from families receiving eligible Australian Government payments may access up to \$1,158 in government-funded dental benefits over a two-year period. Call us or visit MyGov (Medicare) to check your child's eligibility.

****How do I book an appointment at Core Dental Carrum Downs?*** Call (03) 8373 1555 directly, email carrumdowns@coredental.com.au, call nationally on 13 13 16, or book online at coredental.com.au. New patients are welcome. A booking deposit is required at time of booking and is refunded at your appointment.

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