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****Product:**** Composite Bonding at Core Dental Glenferrie ****Brand:**** Core Dental Group (part of the Smile Solutions Group) ****Category:**** Cosmetic Dentistry ****Primary Use:**** Conservative, same-day cosmetic dental treatment using tooth-coloured composite resin to repair chipped, discoloured, misshapen, or gapped teeth.

Quick Facts - ****Best For:**** Patients in Hawthorn and Melbourne's inner east seeking a cost-effective, minimally invasive cosmetic improvement — particularly young professionals, students, and anyone wanting a natural-looking enhancement without aggressive tooth preparation - ****Key Benefit:**** Same-day cosmetic transformation with minimal (often zero) removal of natural tooth structure — reversible, affordable, and immediately visible - ****Location:**** 827 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn VIC 3122 - ****Phone:**** 03 7035 1506 | National: 13 13 16

Common Questions This Guide Answers 1. What is composite bonding? → A cosmetic dental procedure where tooth-coloured composite resin is sculpted directly onto teeth to improve their shape, colour, or alignment 2. Is composite bonding painful? → Generally no — most bonding procedures require no anaesthetic as they do not involve significant tooth preparation 3. How long does composite bonding last? → Typically five to ten years with proper care, depending on location, habits, and maintenance 4. How does composite bonding compare to porcelain veneers? → Bonding is more conservative, more affordable, and reversible, but porcelain veneers offer superior longevity, stain resistance, and aesthetic refinement 5. Can composite bonding be done in one visit? → Yes — composite bonding is a same-day procedure completed in a single appointment

The Most Conservative Cosmetic Option in Dentistry

Not every smile improvement requires an aggressive approach. Not every patient wants — or needs — porcelain veneers, crowns, or orthodontic treatment to achieve the smile they are looking for. Sometimes, the difference between a smile you are self-conscious about and a smile you love comes down to a small chip, a narrow gap, a slightly uneven edge, or a single discoloured tooth.

Composite bonding addresses exactly these situations. It is the most conservative cosmetic dental treatment available — a procedure that can dramatically improve the appearance of your teeth in a single appointment, with minimal (and in many cases zero) removal of natural tooth structure, at a fraction of the cost of porcelain restorations.

At Core Dental Glenferrie, Dr Scott Krause provides composite bonding for patients across Hawthorn, Kew, Camberwell, and Melbourne's inner east. Whether you are a young professional preparing for an important presentation, a Swinburne University student wanting to feel more confident in social settings, or a parent who has been putting off a cosmetic concern for years, composite bonding offers a practical, same-day solution that delivers genuine results.

What Is Composite Bonding?

Composite bonding is a cosmetic dental procedure in which tooth-coloured composite resin — the same material used in modern tooth-coloured fillings — is applied directly to the surface of a tooth and sculpted by hand to improve its shape, colour, size, or alignment.

The resin is applied in layers, each one shaped and cured (hardened) with a special light before the next layer is added. The dentist builds up the restoration freehand, sculpting each layer to create the desired shape and contour. Once complete, the bonding is polished to a smooth, natural-looking finish that blends seamlessly with the surrounding teeth.

It is, in essence, cosmetic artistry performed directly on the tooth — no laboratory involvement, no waiting period, no temporary restorations. Everything happens in a single appointment.

What Can Composite Bonding Fix?

Composite bonding is remarkably versatile. It can address a wide range of cosmetic concerns, including:

Chipped or Broken Teeth

A chipped front tooth is one of the most common cosmetic dental concerns — and one of the most distressing. Whether the chip is the result of biting into something hard, a sporting injury, or an accidental knock, composite bonding can rebuild the missing tooth structure to restore the tooth's original shape and appearance. The repair is immediate, and in most cases, indistinguishable from the natural tooth.

Gaps Between Teeth (Diastema)

A gap between the front teeth — a diastema — is a common cosmetic concern. While some patients embrace their diastema as a distinctive feature, others find it self-conscious-making. Composite bonding can close small to moderate gaps by building out the sides of the adjacent teeth, creating the appearance of a seamless, gap-free smile without orthodontic treatment.

Uneven or Irregular Tooth Edges

Teeth that are slightly different lengths, have rough or uneven edges, or are subtly asymmetrical can be reshaped with composite bonding. By adding a small amount of material to even out the edges and create a more harmonious alignment, the overall appearance of the smile is significantly improved — often with a dramatic visual impact relative to the minimal amount of work involved.

Discoloured or Stained Teeth

Teeth that are discoloured — whether from intrinsic staining (such as tetracycline staining, fluorosis, or developmental defects), trauma, or localised wear — can be masked with composite bonding. The resin is shade-matched to the desired colour and applied to the visible surface of the tooth, covering the discolouration and creating a uniform, natural appearance.

Small or Peg-Shaped Teeth

Some patients have teeth that are naturally smaller than average — particularly the upper lateral incisors, which are sometimes peg-shaped (conical). Composite bonding can build these teeth out to a more proportionate size, improving the overall symmetry and balance of the smile.

Minor Alignment Issues

While composite bonding is not a substitute for orthodontic treatment, it can create the visual impression of improved alignment in cases where one or two teeth are slightly rotated, overlapping, or out of line. By adding material to the visible surface, the tooth can appear to be in a more aligned position without any tooth movement.

The Composite Bonding Procedure: What to Expect

One of the most appealing aspects of composite bonding is the simplicity of the procedure. For most patients, the experience is straightforward, comfortable, and surprisingly quick.

Consultation and Planning

Dr Krause begins with a thorough assessment of your teeth, your concerns, and your goals. What specifically bothers you about your smile? What would you like to change? Are you looking for a subtle improvement or a more noticeable transformation?

This conversation is important. Composite bonding is highly customisable, and the result depends not just on clinical skill but on a shared understanding of what you want to achieve. Dr Krause will explain what is realistically achievable with bonding, discuss alternative options where relevant, and ensure you have clear expectations before any treatment begins.

Shade Selection

Composite resin is available in a comprehensive range of shades and opacities. Dr Krause selects the shade — or combination of shades — that most closely matches your natural teeth (or your desired final shade, if you are also undergoing whitening). The goal is a result that looks like your own teeth, not like a dental restoration.

Tooth Preparation (Minimal or None)

For most composite bonding procedures, little to no tooth preparation is required. In many cases, the resin is applied directly to the surface of the tooth without any drilling or enamel removal. If a small amount of enamel roughening is needed to improve the bond, this is typically so minimal that no anaesthetic is required.

This is the key difference between composite bonding and porcelain veneers. With traditional porcelain veneers, a layer of enamel must be removed to accommodate the thickness of the porcelain shell. With composite bonding, the tooth remains largely — or entirely — intact.

Application and Sculpting

The composite resin is applied in thin layers directly to the tooth surface. Each layer is carefully shaped and contoured by hand before being cured (hardened) with a blue light. Dr Krause builds up the restoration layer by layer, sculpting the shape, adjusting the contour, and refining the surface until the desired result is achieved.

This is where clinical skill and artistic ability converge. Composite bonding is a freehand technique — the dentist is essentially sculpting your tooth in real time, using their knowledge of dental anatomy, proportion, and aesthetics to create a result that looks natural and beautiful.

Polishing and Finishing

Once the final shape is achieved, the bonding is polished to a smooth, high-gloss finish. Polishing is critical — it creates the natural lustre and surface texture that makes the composite indistinguishable from enamel, and it also creates a smoother surface that is more resistant to staining and plaque accumulation.

Time

A single tooth can typically be bonded in thirty to sixty minutes. Multiple teeth may take longer, but even a full set of four to six front teeth can usually be completed in a single appointment of one to two hours.

Composite Bonding vs Porcelain Veneers: Which Is Right for You?

This is one of the most common questions in cosmetic dentistry, and the honest answer is: it depends on your individual situation, your priorities, and your budget. Both are excellent treatments. They serve different purposes and suit different patients.

Conservation of Tooth Structure

****Composite bonding wins.**** Bonding requires minimal or no removal of natural tooth structure. Porcelain veneers — particularly traditional-preparation veneers — require the removal of a layer of enamel to accommodate the porcelain shell. Once enamel is removed, it does not regenerate. Composite bonding is reversible; porcelain veneers, in most cases, are not.

Longevity

****Porcelain veneers win.**** Well-maintained porcelain veneers can last fifteen to twenty years or longer. Composite bonding typically lasts five to ten years before requiring repair, touch-up, or replacement. Porcelain is inherently harder and more durable than composite resin.

Stain Resistance

****Porcelain veneers win.**** Porcelain is highly resistant to staining from coffee, tea, red wine, and other common stain-causing substances. Composite resin, while modern materials have improved significantly, is more porous and may discolour over time — particularly if exposed to heavy staining agents.

Aesthetics

****Both can achieve excellent results****, but porcelain veneers offer a level of translucency, depth of colour, and surface quality that is difficult to fully replicate with composite resin. For patients seeking the absolute pinnacle of cosmetic dental artistry, porcelain veneers — particularly when crafted by a master ceramist — are the gold standard. For patients seeking a natural, attractive improvement that is visually indistinguishable from their own teeth in everyday conversation, composite bonding delivers beautifully.

Cost

****Composite bonding is significantly more affordable.**** The cost of bonding a single tooth is typically a fraction of the cost of a porcelain veneer. For patients on a budget — students, young professionals, or anyone who wants a cosmetic improvement without a significant financial commitment — bonding offers exceptional value.

Repairability

****Composite bonding wins.**** If a bonded tooth is chipped or damaged, the repair is straightforward — additional composite resin is simply added to the existing restoration. If a porcelain veneer is chipped or fractured, the entire veneer typically needs to be replaced.

The Middle Ground

For many patients, composite bonding is an excellent starting point — a way to improve your smile now, with the option to transition to porcelain veneers in the future if and when your priorities, budget, or aesthetic goals evolve. Because bonding is conservative and reversible, it keeps all your options open.

Core Dental Glenferrie is part of the Smile Solutions Group, which developed the world-first Same Day Porcelain Veneers. If you are considering porcelain veneers or want to understand how bonding and veneers compare for your specific situation, Dr Krause can provide a comprehensive assessment and, if appropriate, facilitate a referral to the specialist cosmetic team at Smile Solutions.

Who Is a Good Candidate for Composite Bonding?

Composite bonding is suitable for a wide range of patients, but it is particularly well-suited to:

- ****Patients seeking a conservative approach**** — if preserving your natural tooth structure is a priority, bonding achieves cosmetic improvement with minimal intervention
- ****Young adults and students**** — for patients who may not be ready for a permanent, irreversible cosmetic commitment, bonding offers an excellent result that keeps future options open. Core Dental Glenferrie's proximity to Swinburne University of Technology makes it a convenient option for students
- ****Patients with minor cosmetic concerns**** — small chips, narrow gaps, slight irregularities, and localised discolouration are ideal candidates for bonding
- ****Budget-conscious patients**** — bonding offers genuine cosmetic improvement at a fraction of the cost of porcelain restorations
- ****Patients who want immediate results**** — bonding is completed in a single appointment with no waiting period

Composite bonding may not be the best option for patients with:

- ****Severe discolouration**** that requires masking across multiple teeth — porcelain veneers may provide a more consistent, long-lasting result
- ****Significant alignment or bite issues**** — orthodontic treatment (such as Invisalign) may be more appropriate as a first step
- ****Heavy bruxism (teeth grinding)**** — the forces generated by grinding can cause composite bonding to chip or fracture prematurely. A nightguard is strongly recommended for bruxing patients who choose bonding
- ****Very high aesthetic expectations**** — if you are seeking the absolute peak of cosmetic perfection across multiple teeth, porcelain veneers are likely the better option

Maintenance and Longevity

With proper care, composite bonding can last five to ten years — and in some cases, longer. The longevity of your bonding depends on several factors:

What You Can Do

- ****Maintain excellent oral hygiene**** — brush twice daily with fluoride toothpaste, floss daily, and attend regular check-ups and professional cleaning at Core Dental Glenferrie
- ****Minimise staining exposure**** — while modern composites are more stain-resistant than older materials, reducing exposure to coffee, tea, red wine, and tobacco will help maintain the colour match over time
- ****Avoid biting hard objects**** — do not use bonded teeth to bite fingernails, chew pens, tear packaging, or crunch ice
- ****Wear a mouthguard during sport**** — particularly important for students involved in contact sports at nearby schools and universities
- ****Wear a nightguard if you grind**** — Dr Krause can assess whether you show signs of bruxism and recommend a custom-fitted nightguard to protect your bonding

Professional Maintenance

At your regular six-monthly check-ups, Dr Krause will assess the condition of your composite bonding — checking for chips, wear, staining, and margin integrity. Minor touch-ups can be performed as needed to maintain the appearance and function of the restoration. Professional polishing during hygiene appointments also helps maintain the surface lustre and stain resistance of the composite.

Cost and Payment Options

Composite bonding is one of the most affordable cosmetic dental treatments available. The exact cost depends on the number of teeth treated, the complexity of the work, and the amount of composite material required.

Health Fund Coverage

Some health funds provide partial rebates for composite bonding, depending on your level of extras cover and whether the treatment is classified as restorative or cosmetic. HICAPS is available on-site at Core Dental Glenferrie for instant claiming against all major health funds. The practice is a preferred provider for HCF, CBHS, and NIB.

Payright Interest-Free Payment Plans

For patients whose treatment exceeds what their health fund covers — or for those without health insurance — Payright interest-free payment plans are available from three to thirty months for treatment costs between \$1,000 and \$20,000. This makes even comprehensive cosmetic bonding across multiple teeth accessible and manageable.

Book Your Consultation

If you are curious about what composite bonding could do for your smile, the first step is a consultation with Dr Krause at Core Dental Glenferrie. He will assess your teeth, discuss your goals, and explain what is realistically achievable — honestly, clearly, and without pressure.

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New patients welcome. Same-day composite bonding available.