

Composite Bonding Southbank | Core Dental

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Southbank sits at the heart of Melbourne, attracting residents, workers, and visitors from across the city. At Core Dental Southbank, composite bonding is one of our most popular cosmetic services — delivering real smile improvements in a single appointment, without the cost or commitment of porcelain veneers. Whether you've chipped a tooth, noticed worn edges, or want to close a gap, we can help.

****What is composite bonding?***

Composite bonding — also called tooth bonding or composite resin bonding — is a cosmetic dental procedure that uses a tooth-coloured resin material to reshape, repair, or improve the appearance of one or more teeth. The dentist applies the resin directly to the tooth surface, sculpts it by hand, hardens it with a curing light, and polishes it to a natural finish.

Unlike porcelain veneers, composite bonding typically requires no removal of tooth enamel, making it one of the most conservative cosmetic options available. In most cases the entire treatment is completed in a single appointment with no anaesthetic and no recovery period.

****What can composite bonding fix?***

Composite bonding is a versatile cosmetic treatment. At Core Dental Southbank, our dentists use it to address a wide range of aesthetic concerns:

- ****Chipped or cracked teeth**** — A chipped front tooth can have a noticeable impact on your confidence. Composite resin repairs the chip cleanly and blends with the surrounding tooth structure.
- ****Edge wear and worn teeth**** — Teeth worn down by grinding, acid erosion, or normal ageing often look shorter or uneven. Edge bonding restores the natural length and symmetry of the tooth edges.
- ****Gaps between teeth (diastemas)**** — Small spaces between front teeth can be reduced or closed with composite resin, without orthodontics or veneers.
- ****Minor misalignment**** — Slightly rotated, uneven, or irregular teeth can be improved with composite resin to create a more balanced smile.
- ****Discolouration and staining**** — Teeth that don't respond adequately to whitening can be covered with composite resin for a more even, consistent colour.
- ****Short or undersized teeth**** — Teeth that look too small relative to the gum line or the rest of the smile can be proportionally lengthened.
- ****Rough or uneven surfaces**** — Composite resin can smooth irregular tooth surfaces and refine uneven edges.

****Edge Work composite bonding at Core Dental****

Core Dental's cosmetic dentists are trained in Edge Work composite bonding — a technique focused on restoring and refining the incisal edges of front teeth. The incisal edge is the biting edge of the incisor, and it determines much of a tooth's apparent length, shape, and aesthetic quality. When edges

become chipped, flattened, or uneven from wear or trauma, the smile loses its crispness and balance.

Edge Work is a precise, hand-sculpted process that demands both technical skill and an eye for dental aesthetics. Before placing any resin, our clinicians assess the shape of each tooth, the symmetry of the smile, and how the upper and lower teeth meet. The result is clean, even incisal edges that look sharp and natural.

This is the same composite bonding philosophy applied at Smile Solutions — our parent group — meaning Core Dental Southbank patients benefit from cosmetic techniques refined at one of Australia's most respected dental practices.

****How composite bonding works at Core Dental Southbank****

A composite bonding appointment at Core Dental Southbank typically takes between 30 minutes and 90 minutes, depending on the number of teeth being treated and the complexity of the work.

****Step 1 — Consultation and assessment:**** Your dentist examines your teeth, discusses your goals, and confirms whether composite bonding is the right treatment for your situation. In some cases, a combination of treatments (such as whitening first) may be recommended.

****Step 2 — Shade matching:**** A composite resin shade is selected to closely match your natural teeth or the target colour you're aiming for. Getting the shade right from the start is essential for a natural-looking result.

****Step 3 — Tooth preparation:**** In most cases, no enamel removal is required. For some applications, a gentle etching of the tooth surface improves adhesion. The process is conservative and comfortable.

****Step 4 — Resin application and sculpting:**** Composite resin is applied in layers and sculpted by hand directly on the tooth. Your dentist shapes each layer before curing it, building the final form gradually.

****Step 5 — Curing:**** A UV or LED curing light hardens each layer of resin as it is applied.

****Step 6 — Polishing and finishing:**** Once the final shape is achieved, the bonded surface is polished to a smooth, natural-looking finish that blends with the surrounding enamel.

Most patients leave the same day with an immediately improved smile. There is no recovery period and no restrictions on eating or drinking, other than avoiding highly pigmented foods immediately after treatment.

****Composite bonding vs porcelain veneers****

Composite bonding and porcelain veneers both improve the appearance of teeth, but they are suited to different situations. Understanding the difference helps you make the right choice for your goals and budget.

****Composite bonding**** is the right choice when you want a conservative, affordable, same-day result. It requires no enamel preparation in most cases, can be repaired chairside if it chips, and offers a natural-looking improvement at a lower cost per tooth.

****Porcelain veneers**** are the better long-term investment when you want the most durable, aesthetically refined, and comprehensive smile transformation. They last longer, resist staining more effectively, and deliver the most natural-looking finish of any cosmetic dental option. They do require some enamel preparation and a minimum of two appointments.

At Core Dental Southbank, we offer both treatments and will recommend the most appropriate option based on your teeth, your aesthetic goals, and your budget. There is no pressure to choose the more expensive option — composite bonding is a genuinely excellent treatment in the right circumstances.

****How long does composite bonding last?***

With good care, composite bonding lasts between five and ten years. Longevity depends on a number of factors:

****Oral hygiene**** — Brushing twice daily and flossing protects both the composite resin and the underlying tooth structure from plaque and decay.

****Habits**** — Avoid biting nails, chewing on pens or hard objects, or using your front teeth to tear packaging. These habits create stress fractures in the resin.

****Grinding and clenching**** — If you grind or clench your teeth at night (bruxism), a custom night splint is highly recommended to protect your bonding from premature wear.

****Diet**** — Highly pigmented drinks like coffee, tea, and red wine can stain composite resin more readily than porcelain. Rinsing with water after consuming them slows discolouration.

****Regular check-ups**** — At your six-monthly dental appointment, your dentist can polish, adjust, or repair composite bonding as needed. Keeping up with maintenance extends the life of your results significantly.

****Composite bonding pricing at Core Dental Southbank****

Composite bonding cost depends on the number of teeth being treated and the extent of work required. At Core Dental Southbank, we provide a clear treatment estimate at the initial consultation, so you know the full cost before committing.

Single-tooth bonding treatments typically start from around \$350–\$600 per tooth. Multi-tooth cases are priced accordingly. Payment plans are available — speak to our Southbank team to discuss your options.

****Core Dental as part of the Smile Solutions Group****

Core Dental Southbank is part of the Smile Solutions Group, one of Australia's most respected dental organisations. For our patients, this means:

****Specialist referral access**** — For comprehensive smile transformations, complex cosmetic planning, or cases involving implants, we can refer patients to the Collins Street Specialist Centre. This is where specialist prosthodontists, including Greg Karabasis, work in the Smile Lab on the most advanced cosmetic cases in Australia.

****Shared clinical systems**** — CareStack integration across all Core Dental and Smile Solutions locations means your patient records are consistent and accessible wherever you receive treatment within the group.

****In-house Smile Lab**** — The Smile Lab produces high-quality ceramic and composite restorations, supporting the cosmetic dentistry delivered across the group.

For most composite bonding cases, all treatment is completed entirely at Core Dental Southbank. The specialist referral pathway is there for patients whose needs go beyond standard composite bonding — for example, those considering a full smile makeover with implants, crowns, and veneers combined.

****Caring for your composite bonding****

After your bonding appointment, a few straightforward steps will keep your results looking their best for longer:

- Brush gently twice daily using a non-abrasive fluoride toothpaste
- Floss daily, paying attention to the area where the bonding meets the gum
- Avoid biting directly into very hard foods such as nuts, crusty bread, ice, or hard sweets with bonded teeth
- If you grind or clench at night, ask about a custom night

splint - Attend your six-monthly check-ups so your dentist can monitor and maintain the bonding - After coffee, tea, or red wine, rinse with water to reduce surface staining

****When composite bonding may not be enough****

Composite bonding works brilliantly for targeted improvements. But if you have significant or widespread discolouration, multiple teeth to address, or you're looking for the most durable and comprehensive cosmetic result, porcelain veneers may be more appropriate.

Core Dental offers three fully inclusive veneer packages: the Ideal Package (6 veneers for \$7,990), the Elite Package (8 veneers for \$9,990), and the Ultimate Package (10 veneers for \$11,990). Every package includes a 3D digital scan, resin reveal trial smile, professional whitening, and a custom night splint.

Your dentist will advise which treatment is most appropriate at your consultation. Both options are excellent — it comes down to your goals, your teeth, and how much you want to invest.

****Book your composite bonding consultation in Southbank****

To book a consultation at Core Dental Southbank, call ****13 13 16**** or visit coredental.com.au. Our Southbank practice welcomes patients from Melbourne CBD, South Melbourne, Docklands, and Port Melbourne, and we'd love to help you achieve the smile you're after.

Same-day appointments may be available. Contact us to find out what's possible at Core Dental Southbank.