

Porcelain Veneers at Core Dental Glenferrie

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Quick Facts - ****Best For:**** Patients in Hawthorn and Melbourne's inner east seeking a durable, high-quality cosmetic smile transformation with the backing of Australia's most experienced cosmetic dental group - ****Key Benefit:**** Custom porcelain veneers with access to the Smile Solutions Group's world-first Same Day Porcelain Veneers innovation and specialist cosmetic expertise - ****Location:**** 827 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn VIC 3122 - ****Phone:**** 03 7035 1506 | National: 13 13 16

Common Questions This Guide Answers
1. What are porcelain veneers? → Ultra-thin porcelain shells custom-made and permanently bonded to the front surface of teeth to transform their appearance
2. How long do porcelain veneers last? → With proper care, fifteen to twenty years or longer
3. What is the procedure for getting porcelain veneers? → Consultation, smile design, tooth preparation, fabrication, and bonding — typically completed over two to three appointments
4. What is the connection to Smile Solutions' Same Day Porcelain Veneers? → Core Dental Glenferrie is part of the Smile Solutions Group, which developed the world-first Same Day Porcelain Veneers, recognised with the 2024 Australian Business Award for Business Innovation
5. Are porcelain veneers right for me? → A consultation with Dr Krause will assess your suitability; referral to the Smile Solutions specialist cosmetic team is available for complex cases

A Smile That Changes Everything

There are moments when a smile matters. A job interview where you want to project confidence. A wedding day where every photograph captures your happiness. A first date where you want to feel genuinely yourself. A presentation in front of colleagues where your smile is part of how you communicate authority and warmth.

For people whose smile holds them back — because of chipped, stained, uneven, gapped, or worn teeth — porcelain veneers offer something profound: the freedom to smile without thinking about it.

Porcelain veneers are one of the most transformative treatments in modern dentistry. They are not about creating a generic, one-size-fits-all "Hollywood smile." They are about working with your facial structure, your skin tone, your personality, and your preferences to create a smile that looks naturally,

effortlessly beautiful — a smile that looks like the best version of yours.

At Core Dental Glenferrie, patients in Hawthorn, Kew, Camberwell, and Melbourne's inner east have access to porcelain veneer treatment supported by the clinical depth and cosmetic expertise of the Smile Solutions Group — the group that developed the world-first Same Day Porcelain Veneers.

What Are Porcelain Veneers?

Porcelain veneers are ultra-thin shells of dental-grade porcelain, custom-made to fit over the front surface of your teeth. Each veneer is individually crafted to match the desired shape, colour, translucency, and surface texture — creating a natural-looking restoration that is virtually indistinguishable from a beautiful natural tooth.

Veneers are permanently bonded to the front of the tooth using high-strength dental adhesive. Once in place, they become an integral part of your tooth — looking, feeling, and functioning like your own enamel.

What Can Porcelain Veneers Address?

Porcelain veneers are one of the most versatile cosmetic dental treatments available. They can address:

- **Discolouration** — teeth that are deeply stained, yellowed, or discoloured beyond what whitening can achieve, including intrinsic staining from tetracycline, fluorosis, or trauma
- **Chips and cracks** — minor to moderate damage to the front surface of teeth that affects their appearance
- **Gaps** — spaces between teeth (diastema) that you would like closed
- **Uneven or irregular teeth** — teeth of different lengths, shapes, or proportions that create an asymmetric smile line
- **Worn teeth** — teeth that have lost height or surface definition due to grinding (bruxism) or acid erosion
- **Minor alignment issues** — teeth that are slightly rotated, overlapping, or tilted, where veneers can create the visual impression of improved alignment without orthodontic treatment
- **Small or peg-shaped teeth** — teeth that are naturally undersized, particularly the upper lateral incisors

Types of Porcelain Veneers

Not all porcelain veneers are created equal. The type of veneer recommended for you depends on the condition of your teeth, the degree of change desired, and the specific clinical and aesthetic goals of your treatment.

Traditional-Preparation Veneers

Traditional porcelain veneers involve the removal of a thin layer of enamel — typically 0.3 to 0.7 millimetres — from the front surface of the tooth. This creates space for the veneer to sit flush with the surrounding teeth, producing a natural contour without the veneers appearing bulky or over-contoured.

Tooth preparation is a permanent step. Once enamel is removed, the tooth will always require a veneer or other restoration. However, the amount of enamel removed is minimal compared to a crown, and the result — in terms of fit, aesthetics, and longevity — is excellent.

Minimal-Preparation (Prepless) Veneers

In some cases, particularly where teeth are naturally small, recessed, or spaced, porcelain veneers can be bonded with minimal or no enamel removal. These minimal-preparation veneers add to the tooth rather than replacing what is removed, making them an even more conservative option.

Not all patients are candidates for prepless veneers. The feasibility depends on your tooth position, size, and the degree of cosmetic change desired. Dr Krause will assess your suitability and explain the options during your consultation.

Ultra-Thin Veneers

Advances in porcelain materials have made it possible to produce veneers as thin as 0.2 millimetres — approximately the thickness of a contact lens. These ultra-thin veneers require minimal or no tooth preparation while still delivering outstanding aesthetics and durability. They are particularly well-suited to patients whose primary concern is colour enhancement rather than significant shape change.

The Porcelain Veneer Process: From Consultation to Smile

Step 1: Consultation and Smile Assessment

Every veneer case begins with a thorough consultation. Dr Krause will examine your teeth, discuss your concerns and goals, and assess your suitability for veneer treatment. This includes evaluating:

- The health of your teeth and gums — active decay or gum disease must be addressed before cosmetic treatment
- Your bite relationship — how your upper and lower teeth meet, and whether your bite places excessive forces on the proposed veneer teeth
- The amount and quality of your existing enamel — sufficient enamel is important for a strong bond
- Your expectations — honest communication about what veneers can and cannot achieve is essential for a result you will love

Photographs and digital impressions may be taken at this stage to support the planning process.

Step 2: Smile Design

Smile design is the creative heart of the veneer process. Using digital imaging and clinical assessment, Dr Krause works with you to plan the shape, size, colour, and proportions of your new smile. Factors considered include:

- **Facial symmetry** — your smile should complement the proportions of your face
- **Lip line** — how much tooth shows when you smile naturally, and how the veneer edges relate to your lip curvature
- **Tooth proportions** — the ideal width-to-height ratio of each tooth, and the proportional relationship between adjacent teeth
- **Colour** — selecting a shade that looks natural against your skin tone and the whites of your eyes, while achieving the brightness you desire
- **Surface texture** — natural teeth have subtle surface characteristics (striations, translucency, slight irregularities) that contribute to a lifelike appearance

Step 3: The Resin Preview (Where Available)

For patients considering veneers through the Smile Solutions Group's specialist cosmetic team, a resin preview — sometimes called a mock-up or trial smile — may be offered. This involves placing temporary composite material over your existing teeth to give you a three-dimensional, real-world preview of your proposed new smile. You can see it in the mirror, smile with it, and assess it from every angle before any permanent changes are made.

This step is invaluable. It eliminates the guesswork and gives you genuine confidence in the final result.

Step 4: Tooth Preparation

Once the design is finalised and you are ready to proceed, the teeth are prepared. Under local anaesthetic, Dr Krause carefully removes a thin layer of enamel from the front surface of each tooth that will receive a veneer. The amount removed is precisely controlled — just enough to accommodate the veneer without over-contouring.

Digital impressions (or, in some cases, conventional impressions) are taken of the prepared teeth and sent to the dental laboratory for fabrication. Temporary veneers are placed to protect the prepared teeth and provide an aesthetic result while the permanent veneers are being crafted.

Step 5: Fabrication

The porcelain veneers are fabricated by skilled dental ceramists using the digital design data and impressions from your preparation appointment. Each veneer is individually crafted, layered with porcelain of varying translucencies and opacities to replicate the natural depth and character of tooth enamel.

The Smile Solutions Group's in-house ceramic laboratory — the Smile Lab — is one of the most advanced in Australia, with master ceramists who have decades of experience in crafting lifelike porcelain restorations. For complex cases referred through the group, the ceramist may have met you personally, seen your face, and understood exactly what your smile needs to look like.

Step 6: Bonding

At your final appointment, the temporary veneers are removed and the permanent veneers are tried in. Dr Krause checks the fit, colour, shape, and bite of each veneer, making any final adjustments. Once you are happy with the result, the veneers are permanently bonded to your teeth using high-strength dental adhesive and light-cured to create an exceptionally strong, lasting bond.

Your new smile is complete.

The Smile Solutions Group Connection: World-First Innovation

Core Dental Glenferrie is part of the Smile Solutions Group — the group that developed the world-first Same Day Porcelain Veneers, recognised with the 2024 Australian Business Award for Business Innovation.

Same Day Porcelain Veneers represent a breakthrough in cosmetic dentistry: the ability to design, fabricate, and bond custom porcelain veneers in a single day, eliminating the traditional waiting period between preparation and final placement. This innovation was developed through the unique collaboration between Smile Solutions' cosmetic dentists and the Smile Lab's master ceramists — a collaboration that is only possible because the laboratory and the clinicians work under the same roof.

What This Means for Core Dental Glenferrie Patients

While Same Day Porcelain Veneers are delivered at the Smile Solutions practice on Collins Street, Core Dental Glenferrie patients benefit from the group connection in important ways:

- ****Access to specialist cosmetic expertise**** — for complex veneer cases (full smile makeovers, multiple-unit cases, or cases requiring advanced smile design), Dr Krause can facilitate a referral to the specialist cosmetic team at Smile Solutions - ****Shared standards**** — the clinical standards, quality expectations, and patient care philosophy that drive Smile Solutions' cosmetic work are embedded across the Core Dental network - ****Continuity of care**** — after cosmetic treatment at Smile Solutions, your ongoing dental care — check-ups, cleaning, maintenance — returns to Core Dental Glenferrie, your local practice in Hawthorn

How Long Do Porcelain Veneers Last?

Porcelain veneers are a long-term investment in your smile. With proper care, they can last fifteen to twenty years — and in many cases, significantly longer. The longevity of your veneers depends on several factors:

- **Oral hygiene** — excellent brushing and flossing habits are essential to maintain the health of the teeth and gums supporting your veneers - **Regular dental care** — six-monthly check-ups and professional cleaning at Core Dental Glenferrie allow Dr Krause to monitor the condition of your veneers and address any concerns early - **Dietary habits** — while porcelain is highly stain-resistant, the natural tooth structure and cement margins can be affected by excessive staining agents - **Bruxism management** — teeth grinding and clenching place excessive forces on veneers and can lead to chipping or fracture. If you grind your teeth, a custom-fitted nightguard is strongly recommended - **Avoiding excessive forces** — do not use veneered teeth to bite nails, chew pens, open packaging, or bite into very hard foods

Caring for Your Porcelain Veneers

Porcelain veneers require the same care as your natural teeth — with a few additional considerations:

- **Brush twice daily** with a non-abrasive fluoride toothpaste. Avoid whitening toothpastes with harsh abrasives, which can scratch the porcelain surface over time - **Floss daily** — plaque accumulation at the gum line and between teeth can lead to gum disease, which can compromise the longevity of your veneers - **Attend regular check-ups** — six-monthly examinations allow Dr Krause to assess the integrity of your veneers, check margins, and ensure your gums remain healthy - **Wear a nightguard** if you grind or clench — this is one of the most important steps you can take to protect your investment - **Use a soft-bristled toothbrush** — hard bristles can scratch porcelain surfaces and irritate the gums around your veneers - **Avoid using your teeth as tools** — no opening bottles, no tearing packaging, no crunching ice

Are Porcelain Veneers Right for You?

Porcelain veneers are an excellent option for patients who:

- Have cosmetic concerns that whitening and bonding cannot adequately address - Want a durable, long-lasting cosmetic result that resists staining - Have sufficient healthy enamel to support a veneer bond - Are committed to maintaining good oral hygiene and attending regular dental care - Understand and accept that veneer treatment (with traditional preparation) is irreversible

Porcelain veneers may not be recommended for patients who:

- Have active decay or untreated gum disease — these conditions must be resolved first - Have insufficient enamel — heavy grinding or previous dental work may have reduced the enamel available for bonding - Grind or clench heavily without willingness to wear a nightguard — bruxism significantly increases the risk of veneer fracture - Have significant bite problems — severe malocclusion may need to be addressed with orthodontic treatment before veneers are considered

Dr Krause will conduct a thorough assessment during your consultation and provide an honest recommendation. If veneers are not the right option for you, he will explain why and suggest alternatives — whether that is composite bonding, whitening, Invisalign, or a combination approach.

Cost and Payment Options

Porcelain veneers are a premium cosmetic treatment, and the cost reflects the materials, laboratory craftsmanship, clinical time, and skill involved. The exact cost depends on the number of veneers, the type of porcelain used, and the complexity of the case.

Health Fund Coverage

Some private health funds provide partial rebates for veneers when they are classified as crowns or restorative treatment. Coverage varies between funds and levels of extras cover. HICAPS is available on-site at Core Dental Glenferrie for instant claiming. The practice is a preferred provider for HCF, CBHS, and NIB.

Payright Interest-Free Payment Plans

Payright interest-free payment plans are available from three to thirty months for treatment costs between \$1,000 and \$20,000. This makes porcelain veneer treatment more accessible by spreading the cost into manageable payments without interest charges. Account-keeping fees apply. Speak with Mina at reception to discuss your options and apply.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does getting porcelain veneers hurt?

Tooth preparation is performed under local anaesthetic, so you should not feel pain during the procedure. Some patients experience mild sensitivity for a few days after preparation, which typically resolves on its own.

Can I whiten my teeth before getting veneers?

Yes — and it is recommended. Because the veneer shade is matched to your surrounding teeth, whitening your natural teeth first allows the veneers to be made in a brighter shade. Whitening should be completed at least two weeks before preparation to allow the enamel to stabilise.

What happens if a veneer chips or breaks?

Minor chips can sometimes be polished smooth. More significant damage typically requires the veneer to be replaced. Dr Krause will assess the situation and recommend the best course of action.

Can I get veneers on just a few teeth?

Yes. Many patients opt for veneers on the most visible teeth — typically the upper front four, six, eight, or ten teeth. The number depends on your smile line (how many teeth show when you smile) and your cosmetic goals.

Will my veneers look fake?

No. Modern porcelain veneers, when properly designed and crafted, are virtually indistinguishable from natural teeth. The goal is a result that looks like beautiful, healthy, natural teeth — not dental work.

Book Your Consultation

Your smile transformation begins with a conversation. Book a consultation with Dr Krause at Core Dental Glenferrie to explore whether porcelain veneers are right for you.

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