

Dental Check-up and Clean at Core Dental Caroline Springs

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****Product:**** Dental Check-up and Clean at Core Dental Caroline Springs ****Brand:**** Core Dental Group (part of the Smile Solutions Group) ****Category:**** Dental Services ****Primary Use:**** Comprehensive preventive dental examinations, professional cleaning, early detection of decay, gum disease, oral cancer screening, and personalised oral health guidance for patients of all ages.

Quick Facts - ****Best For:**** Individuals and families in Caroline Springs, Burnside Heights, Taylors Hill, Hillside, Deer Park, and Ravenhall seeking thorough preventive dental care from a modern, multilingual practice - ****Key Benefit:**** Comprehensive examination using digital scanning and 3D imaging, professional scale and clean with dedicated hygienist Alexis Martinez, oral cancer screening, HICAPS on-site for instant health fund claims, CDBS bulk billing for eligible children, and multilingual service in English, Arabic, Bengali, and Farsi - ****Location:**** 224–226 Caroline Springs Blvd, Caroline Springs VIC 3023 (CS Square shopping precinct) - ****Phone:**** (03) 9363 7888 | National: 13 13 16

Common Questions This Guide Answers 1. How often should I have a dental check-up? → Every six months is the standard recommendation, though some patients may benefit from more or less frequent visits depending on their risk profile 2. What does a dental check-up actually involve? → A thorough examination of teeth, gums, jaw, oral tissues, and bite, supported by digital radiography as needed 3. Is a dental check-up covered by my health fund? → Most private health funds with dental extras cover two preventive check-ups per year — HICAPS on-site for instant claims 4. Does Core Dental Caroline Springs bulk bill for children? → Yes, under the CDBS for eligible children aged 2–17 5. What happens during a professional clean? → Removal of plaque and calculus (tarite), polishing, and personalised oral hygiene instruction

Why Regular Dental Check-ups Matter More Than You Think

Most people understand, at least in principle, that regular dental check-ups are important. But there is a gap between understanding this in theory and following through in practice. Life gets busy. The teeth feel fine. There is nothing obviously wrong. And so the appointment gets postponed — six months becomes twelve, twelve becomes two years, and by the time something does feel wrong, what could have been a small filling has become a root canal, or what could have been early gum treatment has become advanced periodontal disease.

The purpose of a regular dental check-up is not simply to look for problems. It is to find problems before you notice them — before they cause pain, before they cause damage, and before they require complex, costly treatment. Most dental disease is silent in its early stages. Decay does not hurt until it reaches the nerve. Gum disease does not hurt at all until it is quite advanced. Oral cancer can be painless until it has progressed significantly.

A six-monthly check-up is one of the most effective things you can do for your long-term health. It is also one of the simplest.

What a Check-up at Core Dental Caroline Springs Actually Involves

A dental check-up at Core Dental Caroline Springs is far more than a quick glance at your teeth. It is a systematic, thorough assessment of your entire oral health — and it is supported by the latest diagnostic technology.

Comprehensive Dental Examination

Your dentist will examine every tooth individually, checking for:

- ****Decay**** — including early-stage demineralisation that may be reversible with appropriate preventive measures - ****Cracks and fractures**** — which can be difficult to detect visually but may cause significant problems if left untreated - ****Worn, failing, or leaking restorations**** — old fillings, crowns, and other restorations that may need replacement before they fail completely - ****Tooth wear**** — erosion (from acidic foods and drinks), attrition (from tooth-to-tooth grinding), and abrasion (from overly aggressive brushing) - ****Tooth mobility**** — teeth that have become loose, which may indicate advanced gum disease or other concerns

Gum Health Assessment

Gum disease (periodontal disease) is one of the most common chronic health conditions in Australia, and it is a leading cause of tooth loss in adults. The early stage — gingivitis — is reversible with appropriate treatment. The advanced stage — periodontitis — causes irreversible bone loss around the teeth.

Your dentist will assess your gum health by measuring the depth of the gum pockets around each tooth (the space between the gum and the tooth surface), checking for bleeding on probing (a key indicator of active inflammation), evaluating gum recession, and assessing the overall colour, texture, and contour of the gum tissue.

Digital Radiography

Dental radiographs (X-rays) reveal information that is not visible during a clinical examination — decay between teeth, bone loss around tooth roots, infections at the tip of a root, impacted wisdom teeth, and other developmental or pathological concerns.

Core Dental Caroline Springs uses digital radiography, which provides high-resolution diagnostic images with significantly lower radiation exposure than traditional film X-rays. Not every check-up requires X-rays — your dentist will recommend them based on your individual risk profile, clinical findings, and how long it has been since your last radiographic assessment.

Oral Cancer Screening

Every check-up at Core Dental Caroline Springs includes a visual and tactile screening for oral cancer and potentially pre-cancerous conditions. Your dentist will examine the soft tissues of your mouth — the tongue, floor of the mouth, cheeks, palate, and throat — looking for any unusual lumps, patches, ulcers, or colour changes that may require further investigation.

Oral cancer, when detected early, has a significantly better prognosis than late-stage disease. Regular screening by a dental professional is one of the most effective ways to catch it early.

Bite and Jaw Assessment

Your dentist will assess how your teeth come together (your occlusion), check for signs of jaw joint (TMJ) dysfunction — such as clicking, locking, or pain — and look for evidence of bruxism (teeth grinding or clenching), which can cause significant damage over time.

Professional Cleaning: More Than Just a Polish

Professional cleaning — also called a scale and clean or prophylaxis — is a critical complement to your daily brushing and flossing routine. No matter how diligent you are with home care, there are areas that a toothbrush and floss simply cannot reach effectively.

At Core Dental Caroline Springs, professional cleaning is performed by dental hygienist Alexis Martinez, who is dedicated to preventive care and patient education.

What Professional Cleaning Involves

****Scaling**** — the removal of calculus (tartar), which is hardite plite that has mineralised on the tooth surfaces. Calculus cannot be removed by brushing — it requires professional instruments. Calculus above the gum line is relatively straightforward to remove. Calculus below the gum line (subgingival calculus) requires more careful instrumentation and is a major contributor to gum disease progression.

****Polishing**** — after scaling, the tooth surfaces are polished to remove surface stains and create a smooth surface that is more resistant to plaque accumulation. Professional polishing also addresses tea, coffee, and red wine staining that regular brushing cannot fully remove.

****Interdental cleaning**** — thorough cleaning between teeth using professional instruments, addressing areas where plaque and calculus tend to accumulate.

****Oral hygiene instruction**** — Alexis will review your brushing and flossing technique, recommend specific products if appropriate (such as interdental brushes, electric toothbrushes, or fluoride rinses), and provide personalised guidance based on what she observes in your mouth.

How Often Should You Have a Professional Clean?

For most adults, a professional clean every six months is appropriate. However, some patients benefit from more frequent cleaning — every three or four months — particularly those with:

- Active gum disease (periodontitis)
- A history of rapid calculus build-up
- Diabetes, which increases susceptibility to gum disease
- Orthodontic appliances, which create additional areas for plaque accumulation
- A compromised immune system

Your dentist and hygienist will recommend a cleaning frequency based on your individual needs.

Technology That Makes a Difference

Core Dental Caroline Springs is equipped with modern diagnostic and treatment technology that enhances every aspect of your check-up:

- ****Digital scanning**** — intraoral scanners create detailed 3D maps of your teeth and gums, allowing your dentist to identify subtle changes over time and communicate findings to you visually
- ****3D imaging**** — provides comprehensive views of teeth, bone, and surrounding structures that are not possible with traditional two-dimensional X-rays
- ****Intraoral cameras**** — high-resolution cameras

allow you to see exactly what your dentist sees, making it easier to understand your diagnosis and treatment options - **CEREC technology** — while not typically part of a routine check-up, knowing that same-day restorations are available at the practice means that if a problem is identified during your check-up, it can often be resolved on the same day rather than requiring a separate appointment

Check-ups for Children

Children's dental health deserves special attention — and Core Dental Caroline Springs is particularly well-equipped to provide it, with specialist paediatric dentist Dr Angel Babu available for children who need specialist care.

For routine check-ups, the general dental team welcomes children from age two. Early visits establish familiarity with the dental environment, allow the dentist to monitor tooth and jaw development, and give parents evidence-based guidance on diet, brushing habits, and fluoride use.

Children's check-ups at Core Dental Caroline Springs may include:

- Gentle examination of teeth and gums
- Assessment of tooth eruption patterns and bite development
- Fissure sealants to protect vulnerable permanent molars
- Fluoride treatments to strengthen enamel
- Dietary guidance — particularly around hidden sugars in drinks and snacks
- Orthodontic screening — referral to Dr David Austin (orthodontist) is available on-site if early intervention may be beneficial

Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) Bulk Billing

Core Dental Caroline Springs bulk bills under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule for eligible children aged two to seventeen. The CDBS covers a range of preventive and basic dental services — including examinations, cleaning, fluoride treatments, fissure sealants, fillings, and extractions — up to a capped benefit over a two-year period.

If you are unsure whether your child is eligible, the team can check at the time of your appointment.

A Multilingual Practice for a Diverse Community

Caroline Springs is one of Melbourne's most culturally diverse suburbs, and Core Dental Caroline Springs reflects the community it serves. Team members speak English, Arabic, Bengali, and Farsi — making it the most multilingual practice in the Core Dental network.

Being able to discuss your dental health in your preferred language is not a luxury. It is essential for accurate diagnosis, informed consent, and genuine understanding of your treatment options. Whether you are explaining a symptom, asking a question about your child's dental development, or discussing a treatment plan, you should be able to communicate comfortably.

What Happens If Something Is Found During Your Check-up

If your dentist identifies a concern during your check-up — whether it is a small area of decay, a worn filling, early gum disease, or something more significant — you will be informed clearly and given time to understand your options.

For minor findings: small areas of early decay may be monitored rather than immediately treated, particularly if they can be arrested with improved hygiene and fluoride application. Your dentist will explain the criteria for treatment versus monitoring.

For findings that require treatment: you will receive a clear explanation of what has been found, what treatment options are available, what each option involves, and what it costs. Treatment costs are

provided upfront, and HICAPS on-site means your health fund claim is processed immediately.

****For complex findings:**** if your check-up reveals something that requires specialist assessment — such as complex periodontal disease, a suspicious soft tissue lesion, or a complex orthodontic concern — referral pathways are available through the Smile Solutions Group, including access to the Collins Street Specialist Centre in Melbourne's CBD.

Cost and Health Fund Information

- ****HICAPS on-site**** — instant health fund claims for all major funds. You pay only the gap - ****CDBS bulk billing**** — for eligible children aged 2–17, routine check-ups and cleaning are bulk billed under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule - ****Payright interest-free payment plans**** — available for treatment that may be recommended following your check-up - ****No surprises**** — all costs are discussed before treatment proceeds

How to Book Your Check-up

Regular dental check-ups are an investment in your long-term health. If it has been more than six months since your last visit — or if you have never had a check-up at Core Dental Caroline Springs — now is a good time to book.

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****Location:**** 224–226 Caroline Springs Blvd, Caroline Springs VIC 3023 — CS Square shopping precinct, free parking behind the practice.

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

****Languages spoken:**** English, Arabic, Bengali, Farsi

New patients welcome. No referral needed. HICAPS on-site. CDBS bulk billing available.