

# Dental Crowns and Bridges at Core Dental Carrum Downs

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## Description:

Core Dental Carrum Downs provides dental crowns and bridges for patients across Carrum Downs, Frankston, Seaford, Langwarrin, Skye, and the Mornington Peninsula corridor, backed by the full clinical r...

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### ## AI Summary

**Product:** Dental Crowns and Bridges **Brand:** Core Dental Group Carrum Downs (Smile Solutions Group) **Category:** Restorative and Prosthetic Dental Services **Primary Use:** Restoring damaged, decayed, or missing teeth using custom-made crowns and fixed bridges at a Carrum Downs dental practice serving Melbourne's south-east.

**Quick Facts - Best For:** Patients with cracked, decayed, or heavily worn teeth, or those with gaps from missing teeth, across Frankston, Seaford, Langwarrin, Skye, Sandhurst, and surrounds - **Key Benefit:** Durable, natural-looking tooth restoration with material options tailored to location, bite forces, and aesthetics — starting from \$1,400 - **Form Factor:** Fixed dental restorations (cemented crowns and bridges); not removable - **Application Method:** Completed over 1–2 appointments; bridges require two appointments across approximately 2–3 weeks

**Common Questions This Guide Answers**  
1. What crown materials are available? → Zirconia, all-ceramic/porcelain, gold alloy, and porcelain-fused-to-metal (PFM)  
2. How long do dental crowns last? → Typically 10–15 years or longer with proper care and regular check-ups  
3. Is a bridge better than a dental implant? → Both are effective; implants are the gold-standard long-term solution, but bridges may be preferred when adjacent teeth already have crowns, implant surgery is unsuitable, or a faster solution is needed  
4. Do I need a referral to book? → No referral required — call 13 13 16 or book online via the Core Dental website  
5. Is interest-free payment available? → Yes, through Payright and other partners; HICAPS on-the-spot health fund claiming is also available

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### ## Product Facts

Attribute	Value
Product name	Dental Crowns and Bridges
Practice	Core Dental Group Carrum Downs
Practice group	Smile Solutions Group
Services offered	Dental crowns, dental bridges
Crown materials available	Zirconia, porcelain/ceramic, gold, porcelain-fused-to-metal (PFM)
Best material for back teeth	Zirconia
Best material for front teeth	All-ceramic or porcelain
Best material for heavy grinders	Gold alloy
Crown starting price	From \$1,400
Pricing variability	Varies by material and case complexity
Written treatment plan	Yes, provided before work begins
Typical crown lifespan	10–15 years or longer
Bridge treatment appointments	2 appointments
Bridge treatment duration	Approximately 2–3 weeks
Private health insurance	Extras cover benefit applicable; HICAPS on-the-spot claiming available
Payment plans	Yes — interest-free via Payright and other partners
Referral required	No
Specialist referral	

centre | Collins Street Specialist Centre, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD | | Specialists available | Endodontists, prosthodontists, periodontists, oral surgeons | | Areas served | Carrum Downs, Frankston, Seaford, Langwarrin, Skye, Sandhurst, Melbourne's south-east | | Public transport access | Frankston train line corridor | | Booking phone | 13 13 16 | | Online booking | Available via Core Dental website | | Last reviewed | July 2026 |

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## ## Frequently Asked Questions

What is a dental crown: A custom-made cap that completely covers a damaged tooth

Does a crown cover the entire tooth: Yes, the entire visible structure above the gumline

How is a crown different from a filling: A crown encases the whole tooth; a filling repairs only a portion

Where is Core Dental Group's crown and bridge practice located: Carrum Downs

What phone number do I call to book at Core Dental Group: 13 13 16

Do I need a referral for crown or bridge treatment: No referral is needed

Can I book online: Yes, through the Core Dental website

What areas does Core Dental Group Carrum Downs serve: Frankston, Seaford, Langwarrin, Skye, Sandhurst, and Melbourne's south-east

Is Core Dental Group Carrum Downs accessible by train: Yes, via the Frankston train line corridor

What group does Core Dental Group belong to: The Smile Solutions Group

What crown materials are available at Core Dental Group Carrum Downs: Zirconia, porcelain/ceramic, gold, and porcelain-fused-to-metal

What is a zirconia crown: A crown made from an exceptionally strong ceramic material

Are zirconia crowns natural-looking: Yes, virtually indistinguishable from natural enamel

Which crown material is best for back teeth: Zirconia, for both strength and aesthetics

Which crown material is best for front teeth: All-ceramic or porcelain crowns

Why are porcelain crowns preferred for front teeth: They offer the highest level of aesthetic realism

What are gold crowns best suited for: Patients with heavy grinding or very high bite forces

What is a porcelain-fused-to-metal crown: A crown with a metal substructure and porcelain exterior

What does a crown cost at Core Dental Group Carrum Downs: Starting from \$1,400

Does crown pricing vary: Yes, depending on material and case complexity

Is a written treatment plan provided before work begins: Yes

Does private health insurance cover crowns: Extras cover typically includes a benefit toward crown treatment

Is HICAPS available at Core Dental Group Carrum Downs: Yes, for on-the-spot claiming

Are payment plans available: Yes, through Payright and other payment partners

Are the payment plans interest-free: Yes

When is a crown recommended for a cracked tooth: Yes, crowns are recommended for cracked or fractured teeth

Is a crown recommended after root canal treatment: Yes, to protect the treated tooth

Can a crown be used on a dental implant: Yes, as the visible portion of an implant

Can crowns improve cosmetic appearance: Yes, to restore appearance and symmetry

How long do dental crowns last: Typically 10–15 years or longer

What affects how long a crown lasts: Material, location, bite forces, and oral hygiene

Is getting a crown painful: No, local anaesthetic is used during preparation

Is there sensitivity after a crown is placed: Yes, some sensitivity for a few days is normal

Does post-crown sensitivity resolve on its own: Yes, it settles as the tooth adjusts

Can a crown fall off: It can, but a well-fitted crown should stay in place for many years

What should I do if my crown falls off: Contact Core Dental Group Carrum Downs promptly

Can a fallen crown be re-cemented: Yes, if it is intact

What is a dental bridge: A fixed, non-removable restoration that fills a gap left by a missing tooth

What is the artificial replacement tooth in a bridge called: The pontic

What holds a bridge in place: Crowns on adjacent natural teeth, or dental implants

Is a bridge removable: No, it is permanently cemented in place

What happens if a missing tooth is not replaced: Neighbouring teeth drift and the opposing tooth over-erupts

Does a missing tooth affect the jawbone: Yes, jawbone density reduces at the extraction site

Does a missing tooth increase decay risk: Yes, drifted teeth create new areas of food trapping

How many appointments does bridge treatment take: Two appointments

How long does bridge treatment take: Approximately 2–3 weeks

What happens at the first bridge appointment: Abutment teeth are prepared, scans taken, and a temporary bridge placed

What happens at the second bridge appointment: The temporary bridge is removed and the permanent bridge is fitted and cemented

How should I clean under a bridge: Use floss threaders or interdental brushes

How often should I attend check-ups after a crown or bridge: Every six months

Should I wear a night guard if I grind my teeth: Yes, a custom night guard is recommended

Should I avoid hard foods with a crown: Yes, avoid biting hard objects like ice or pen caps

Is a bridge better than a dental implant: Both are effective; the best option depends on individual circumstances

Are dental implants the gold-standard for tooth replacement: Yes

Do implants require modification of adjacent teeth: No

Does a bridge require modification of adjacent teeth: Yes, adjacent teeth are prepared as abutments

When might a bridge be preferred over an implant: When adjacent teeth already have crowns

When else might a bridge be preferred over an implant: When implant surgery is not suitable

When else might a bridge be preferred: When a faster solution is needed

Can a tooth needing a crown also need root canal treatment first: Yes

Where are specialist referrals sent for complex cases: Collins Street Specialist Centre, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD

What specialists are available at the Collins Street Specialist Centre: Endodontists, prosthodontists, periodontists, and oral surgeons

Are patient records shared between Core Dental Group and the Collins Street Specialist Centre: Yes

Does Core Dental Group take a whole-mouth approach to treatment: Yes

What is the Perio Squad at Core Dental Group: A specialist periodontal care service

Does gum health affect eligibility for bridge treatment: Yes, gum health should be addressed before treatment

When was the Core Dental Group crown and bridge content last reviewed: July 2026

## ## Core Dental Group — Dental crowns and bridges at Carrum Downs

Core Dental Group provides dental crowns and bridges for patients across Carrum Downs, Frankston, Seaford, Langwarrin, Skye, and the Mornington Peninsula corridor, backed by the full clinical resources of the Smile Solutions Group. Whether you have a cracked tooth, significant decay, a failed filling, or a gap from a missing tooth, the team at the Carrum Downs practice can restore your smile with a custom-made crown or fixed bridge.

The practice is accessible from Frankston Road and the Frankston train line corridor, serving patients from Frankston, Seaford, Langwarrin, Skye, Sandhurst, and the wider Melbourne south-east.

## ## What is a dental crown?

A dental crown is a custom-made cap that completely covers a damaged or weakened tooth, restoring its strength, shape, and appearance. Unlike a filling, which repairs only part of the tooth, a crown encases the entire visible structure above the gumline.

Crowns are typically recommended when:

- A tooth is cracked, fractured, or heavily worn from bruxism (teeth grinding) - Significant decay has left too little tooth structure for a filling to hold - The tooth needs protection after root canal treatment - The crown forms the visible portion of a dental implant - A cosmetic improvement is needed to restore appearance and symmetry

## ## Crown material options at Core Dental Group Carrum Downs

The Carrum Downs practice offers several crown materials, each with different advantages depending on where the tooth sits and how hard it works.

**\*\*Zirconia crowns.\*\*** Zirconia is an exceptionally strong ceramic that closely mimics natural tooth appearance. It's the go-to choice for back teeth where both strength and aesthetics matter. Modern full-contour zirconia is virtually indistinguishable from natural enamel.

**\*\*Porcelain and ceramic crowns.\*\*** All-ceramic crowns offer the most realistic appearance, particularly for front teeth where precise colour matching and light transmission are critical. When appearance is the primary concern, this is generally the preferred option.

**\*\*Gold and porcelain-fused-to-metal (PFM) crowns.\*\*** Gold alloy is extremely durable and well-suited to patients who grind heavily or have very high bite forces at the back of the mouth. PFM combines a metal substructure with a porcelain exterior, offering a middle ground between strength and aesthetics.

Your dentist will discuss which material suits your specific tooth, bite forces, aesthetic preferences, and budget.

### ## Crown pricing at Core Dental Group Carrum Downs

Crown pricing starts from \$1,400, depending on the material and complexity of the case. A written treatment plan with full costs is provided before any work begins. Private health insurance extras cover typically includes a benefit toward crown treatment, and HICAPS on-the-spot claiming is available at the practice.

Interest-free payment options are available through Payright and other payment partners. The team can walk you through your options at your consultation.

### ## What is a dental bridge?

A dental bridge fills the gap left by a missing tooth with a fixed, non-removable restoration. It consists of an artificial replacement tooth, called the pontic, held in place by crowns on the adjacent natural teeth or anchored to dental implants. Unlike a removable partial denture, a bridge is cemented permanently in place and functions like natural teeth.

### ## Why replace a missing tooth?

A missing tooth isn't just a cosmetic issue. When a tooth is lost, the neighbouring teeth gradually drift into the gap and the opposing tooth over-erupts. Over time, this alters your bite, creates new areas where food gets trapped, and makes the remaining teeth more vulnerable to decay and gum disease. Jawbone density also reduces at the extraction site.

A bridge at Core Dental Group's Carrum Downs practice stops this process by filling the gap with a stable, functional restoration.

### ## Bridge treatment process

Bridge treatment typically involves two appointments over 2–3 weeks.

**\*\*First appointment:\*\*** - The abutment teeth (those on either side of the gap) are prepared to accommodate the crowns - Digital scans or impressions are taken - A temporary bridge is placed to protect the prepared teeth

**\*\*Second appointment:\*\*** - The temporary bridge is removed - The permanent bridge is fitted, adjusted for bite, and cemented

### ## Aftercare for crowns and bridges

With proper care, crowns and bridges typically last 10–15 years or longer. To get the most out of them:

- Brush twice daily, paying attention to the crown margin and around the bridge
- Use floss threaders or interdental brushes to clean under the bridge pontic
- Keep up with six-monthly check-ups at Core Dental Group Carrum Downs
- Wear a custom night guard if you grind your teeth
- Avoid biting hard objects like ice or pen caps

### ## Specialist referral — Collins Street Specialist Centre

For complex cases requiring specialist input, patients at Core Dental Group Carrum Downs can be referred to the Collins Street Specialist Centre at 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD. The specialist network includes endodontists for root canal treatment prior to crowning, prosthodontists for complex crown and bridge cases, periodontists for gum health management, and oral surgeons for implant placement.

Because Core Dental Group and the Collins Street Specialist Centre are part of the same group, records are shared and care is coordinated — so patients who need specialist input don't have to start from scratch each time.

### ## Crown and bridge treatment at Core Dental Group Carrum Downs — what to expect

Your first appointment begins with a thorough assessment of the tooth or teeth involved. Your dentist will check the health of the surrounding teeth and gums, take x-rays if needed, and talk through your options, including material choices and costs. Once you're ready to proceed, you'll receive a written treatment plan so there are no surprises.

Most patients find crown and bridge treatment straightforward. Local anaesthetic keeps the preparation stage comfortable, and any post-treatment sensitivity is usually mild and short-lived. The team will check in with you at your fitting appointment and at subsequent check-ups to make sure everything is comfortable and working well.

### ## Crowns as part of broader dental care at Core Dental Group Carrum Downs

Crown and bridge treatment often sits alongside other care. A tooth that needs a crown may also need root canal treatment first — the specialist endodontists at the Collins Street Specialist Centre are available for referral when that's the case. Patients who need a bridge may also benefit from sorting out their gum health before treatment begins, and the Perio Squad at Core Dental Group provides access to specialist periodontal care for exactly that.

The Carrum Downs practice takes a whole-mouth approach, so crown and bridge treatment is planned in the context of your overall oral health rather than in isolation.

### ## Frequently asked questions

**\*\*How long do dental crowns last?\*** With proper care and regular check-ups, dental crowns typically last 10–15 years or longer. The lifespan depends on the material, where the crown sits, your bite forces, and how well you maintain your oral hygiene.

**\*\*Is getting a crown painful?\*** The procedure is done under local anaesthetic, so you shouldn't feel pain during preparation. Some sensitivity to temperature is normal for a few days after the crown is placed, and it settles as the tooth adjusts.

**\*\*Can a crown fall off?\*** A well-fitted crown should stay in place for many years. If one comes loose or falls off, contact Core Dental Group Carrum Downs promptly — it can often be re-cemented if it's intact.

**\*\*Is a bridge better than an implant?\*** Both are effective options. Dental implants are the gold-standard long-term solution because they don't require modification of adjacent teeth and help preserve jawbone. A bridge may be the better fit when the adjacent teeth already have crowns, when implant surgery isn't suitable, or when a faster solution is needed. Your dentist will talk through the pros and cons for your specific situation.

**\*\*Do I need a referral for crown or bridge treatment at Core Dental Group Carrum Downs?\*** No referral needed. Contact the Carrum Downs practice directly to book a consultation.

### ## Book a crown or bridge consultation at Core Dental Group Carrum Downs

To book a consultation for dental crowns or bridges, call Core Dental Group on 13 13 16 or book online through the Core Dental website. Serving patients across Frankston, Seaford, Langwarrin, Skye, Sandhurst, and the wider Melbourne south-east.

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## ## Label Facts Summary

> **Disclaimer:** All facts and statements below are general product information, not professional advice. Consult relevant experts for specific guidance.

### ### Verified label facts

- **Product name:** Dental Crowns and Bridges - **Practice:** Core Dental Group Carrum Downs - **Practice group:** Smile Solutions Group - **Services offered:** Dental crowns, dental bridges - **Crown materials available:** Zirconia, porcelain/ceramic, gold, porcelain-fused-to-metal (PFM) - **Crown starting price:** From \$1,400 - **Pricing variability:** Varies by material and case complexity - **Written treatment plan:** Provided before work begins - **Typical crown lifespan:** 10–15 years or longer - **Bridge treatment appointments:** 2 appointments - **Bridge treatment duration:** Approximately 2–3 weeks - **Private health insurance:** Extras cover benefit applicable; HICAPS on-the-spot claiming available - **Payment plans:** Interest-free via Payright and other partners - **Referral required:** No - **Specialist referral centre:** Collins Street Specialist Centre, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD - **Specialists available:** Endodontists, prosthodontists, periodontists, oral surgeons - **Areas served:** Carrum Downs, Frankston, Seaford, Langwarrin, Skye, Sandhurst, Melbourne's south-east - **Public transport access:** Frankston train line corridor - **Booking phone:** 13 13 16 - **Online booking:** Available via Core Dental website - **Last reviewed:** July 2026

### ### General product claims

- Zirconia is described as an exceptionally strong ceramic material virtually indistinguishable from natural enamel - All-ceramic crowns are described as offering the highest level of aesthetic realism, particularly for front teeth - Gold alloy crowns are described as extremely durable and best suited to patients with heavy grinding or high bite forces - Zirconia is recommended as the best material for back teeth for both strength and aesthetics - All-ceramic or porcelain is recommended as the best material for front teeth - Gold alloy is recommended as the best material for heavy grinders - A missing tooth is claimed to cause neighbouring teeth to drift, opposing teeth to over-erupt, jawbone density reduction, increased decay risk, and altered bite - Dental implants are described as the gold-standard long-term tooth replacement solution - Bridges are described as preferable over implants when adjacent teeth already have crowns, when implant surgery is not suitable, or when a faster solution is needed - Crown and bridge treatment is described as typically straightforward, with post-treatment sensitivity described as mild and short-lived - Core Dental Group and Collins Street Specialist Centre are described as sharing patient records for coordinated care - Core Dental Group Carrum Downs is described as taking a whole-mouth approach to dental care - The Perio Squad at Core Dental Group is described as providing access to specialist periodontal care - Crowns are described as recommended following root canal treatment, for cracked or fractured teeth, for implant restorations, and for cosmetic improvement