

# Dental Crowns and Bridges at Core Dental South Melbourne

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## Details:

## Core Dental Group — Dental Crowns and Bridges in South Melbourne

Core Dental Group provides dental crowns and bridges for patients across South Melbourne, Port Melbourne, Albert Park, Middle Park, and surrounding inner suburbs, with the full clinical resources of the Core Dental Group network behind every case. Whether you're dealing with a cracked tooth, significant decay, a failed filling, or a gap from a missing tooth, the team at Core Dental Group's South Melbourne practice can restore your smile with a custom-made crown or fixed bridge.

The practice is well connected by tram and bus, making it easy to get to from Port Melbourne, Albert Park, Middle Park, Southbank, St Kilda, and the wider inner south.

## What is a dental crown?

A dental crown is a custom-made cap that fits over a damaged or weakened tooth, restoring its strength, shape, and appearance. Unlike a filling, which repairs only part of a tooth, a crown covers the entire visible structure above the gumline — giving the tooth full protection where it needs it most.

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 following 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 South Melbourne

Core Dental Group's South Melbourne practice offers several crown materials, each suited to different situations.

**\*\*Zirconia crowns\*\*** are exceptionally strong and closely mimic the look of natural teeth. They work well for back teeth where durability and aesthetics both matter. Modern full-contour zirconia is virtually indistinguishable from natural enamel.

**\*\*Porcelain and ceramic crowns\*\*** offer the highest level of aesthetic realism, making them a popular choice for front teeth where colour matching and light transmission are especially important.

**\*\*Gold and porcelain-fused-to-metal (PFM) crowns\*\*** — Gold alloy crowns are extremely durable and well suited to patients who grind heavily or place high bite forces on their back teeth. Porcelain-fused-to-metal combines a strong metal base with a porcelain outer layer for a more natural

finish.

Your dentist will talk through which material makes the most sense for your specific tooth, bite forces, aesthetic preferences, and budget.

### ## Crown pricing at Core Dental Group South Melbourne

Crowns at Core Dental Group South Melbourne start from \$1,400 AUD, 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 plans are available through Payright and other payment partners. The team can walk you through your options at your consultation.

### ## CEREC same-day crowns at Core Dental Group South Melbourne

Core Dental Group's South Melbourne practice is equipped with CEREC (Chairside Economical Restoration of Esthetic Ceramics) technology, which means crowns can be designed, milled, and fitted in a single appointment.

Here's how it works:

1. The tooth is prepared and a digital intraoral scan is taken — no impression putty required
2. The crown design is created digitally on-screen, right there in the practice
3. The crown is milled from a ceramic block in around 15–20 minutes using the on-site milling unit
4. The crown is polished, adjusted, and cemented — all within the same 1.5–2.5 hour visit

CEREC crowns suit most back teeth that need both strength and a natural look. For more complex front tooth restorations — where precise shade matching and translucency are critical — a laboratory-fabricated crown may be the better option. Your dentist will help you decide which approach fits your situation.

The practical advantages of CEREC at Core Dental Group South Melbourne: - No temporary crown required — the permanent crown is placed in one visit - Digital impressions — more comfortable than traditional putty - High-quality ceramic material — durable and natural in appearance - One appointment instead of two, which suits patients with busy schedules

### ## 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 much like natural teeth.

### ## Why replace a missing tooth?

A missing tooth isn't just a cosmetic concern. When a tooth is lost, the neighbouring teeth gradually drift into the gap, and the opposing tooth can over-erupt. Over time, these shifts affect your bite, create new areas where food gets trapped, and leave remaining teeth more vulnerable to decay and gum disease. Jawbone density also tends to reduce at the extraction site.

A dental bridge at Core Dental Group South Melbourne addresses this by filling the gap with a stable, functional restoration before those changes take hold.

### ## Bridge treatment process

Bridge treatment at Core Dental Group South Melbourne 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

Crowns and bridges typically last 10–15 years or longer with consistent care. To get the most out of your restoration:

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

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

For cases that need specialist input, patients at Core Dental Group South Melbourne 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 involvement don't have to start from scratch at each appointment.

### ## What to expect at Core Dental Group South Melbourne

Your first appointment for crown or bridge treatment starts 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 where needed, and talk through your treatment options — including material choices and costs. Once you're ready to go ahead, a written treatment plan is provided so there are no surprises.

Most patients find crown and bridge treatment quite straightforward. Local anaesthetic keeps the preparation stage comfortable, and any sensitivity afterward is usually mild and settles within a few days. 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

Crown and bridge treatment often sits alongside other dental 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 considering a bridge may also benefit from addressing gum health before treatment begins; the Perio Squad at Core Dental Group provides access to specialist periodontal care.

Core Dental Group takes a whole-mouth approach, making sure 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. Lifespan depends on the material, where the crown sits in the mouth, your bite forces, and how consistently you maintain your oral hygiene.

**\*\*Is getting a crown painful?\*** The procedure is carried out under local anaesthetic, so you shouldn't feel pain during preparation. Some sensitivity — particularly to temperature — is normal for a few days

after the crown is placed, and it generally settles as the tooth adjusts.

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

**\*\*Is a bridge better than an implant?\*** Both are effective ways to replace a missing tooth. Dental implants are the gold-standard long-term solution — they don't require modification of adjacent teeth and help preserve jawbone density over time. A bridge may be a better fit when the adjacent teeth already have crowns, when implant surgery isn't suitable, or when a faster solution is the priority. Your dentist will talk through the pros and cons based on your specific situation.

**\*\*Do I need a referral for crown or bridge treatment at Core Dental Group South Melbourne?\*** No referral is needed. You can contact Core Dental Group South Melbourne directly to book a consultation.

**## Book a crown or bridge consultation at Core Dental Group South Melbourne**

To book a consultation for dental crowns or bridges at Core Dental Group South Melbourne, call Core Dental Group on 13 13 16 or book online through the Core Dental Group website. Serving patients across Port Melbourne, Albert Park, Middle Park, Southbank, St Kilda, and the wider Melbourne inner south.

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**## Frequently Asked Questions (Standardised)**

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

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

Is a crown the same as a filling: No, a filling repairs part of the tooth only

Where is Core Dental Group's crown and bridge practice located: South Melbourne

What areas does Core Dental Group South Melbourne serve: Port Melbourne, Albert Park, Middle Park, Southbank, and St Kilda

Do I need a referral to book a crown consultation: No referral is needed

How do I book a consultation at Core Dental Group South Melbourne: Call 13 13 16 or book online

What is the starting price for a crown at Core Dental Group South Melbourne: From \$1,400 AUD

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

Is a written treatment plan provided before work begins: Yes

Does Core Dental Group South Melbourne offer HICAPS claiming: Yes, on-the-spot HICAPS claiming is available

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

Are interest-free payment plans available: Yes

What payment plan providers are available: Payright and other payment partners

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

What is a zirconia crown: A strong ceramic crown that mimics natural tooth appearance

Are zirconia crowns suitable for back teeth: Yes

Are all-ceramic crowns suitable for front teeth: Yes, they offer the highest aesthetic realism

What is a porcelain-fused-to-metal crown: A crown with a metal base and porcelain outer layer

Are gold crowns available at Core Dental Group South Melbourne: Yes

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

Does Core Dental Group South Melbourne offer same-day crowns: Yes, via CEREC technology

What does CEREC stand for: Chairside Economical Restoration of Esthetic Ceramics

How long does a CEREC crown appointment take: Approximately 1.5 to 2.5 hours

Does CEREC require messy impression putty: No, digital intraoral scans are used

How long does the CEREC milling process take: Around 15 to 20 minutes

Is a temporary crown needed with CEREC: No, the permanent crown is placed in one visit

Are CEREC crowns suitable for front teeth: Not always — lab-fabricated crowns may be better for complex cases

Why might a lab crown be preferred over CEREC for front teeth: Precise shade matching and translucency requirements

What is a dental bridge: A fixed restoration that fills the gap left by a missing tooth

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

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

What supports a traditional dental bridge: Crowns on the adjacent natural teeth

Can a bridge be anchored to implants: Yes

Why should a missing tooth be replaced: To prevent neighbouring teeth from drifting and bite changes

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

Can a missing tooth lead to decay in other teeth: Yes, drifting creates areas where food gets trapped

How many appointments does bridge treatment require: Typically two appointments

How long between bridge appointments: Approximately 2 to 3 weeks

What happens at the first bridge appointment: Abutment teeth are prepared and scans or impressions are taken

Is a temporary bridge placed between appointments: Yes

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

How long do dental crowns typically last: 10 to 15 years or longer

How long do dental bridges typically last: 10 to 15 years or longer

What affects crown lifespan: Material, location, bite forces, and oral hygiene

Is crown preparation painful: No, local anaesthetic is used

Is sensitivity normal after a crown is placed: Yes, mild temperature sensitivity for a few days

How long does post-crown sensitivity last: It generally settles as the tooth adjusts

Can a crown fall off: Yes, though a well-fitted crown should stay in place for years

What should I do if my crown falls off: Contact Core Dental Group South Melbourne promptly

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

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

What is the gold-standard long-term tooth replacement option: Dental implants

Do implants require modification of adjacent teeth: No

Do bridges 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 or implant surgery is unsuitable

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

How often should I brush around a crown: Twice daily, paying attention to the crown margin

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

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

Can a tooth need root canal treatment before a crown: Yes

Where can patients be referred for root canal treatment before crowning: Collins Street Specialist Centre

What is the Collins Street Specialist Centre address: 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD

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

Is specialist referral coordinated between Core Dental Group and Collins Street Specialist Centre: Yes, records are shared

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

When is a crown recommended after root canal treatment: To protect the treated tooth

Does Core Dental Group South Melbourne offer access to periodontal care: Yes, via the Perio Squad

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

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## ## Label Facts Summary

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### ### Verified Label Facts

The following are verifiable practice and service facts extracted from the content:

- Practice name: Core Dental Group South Melbourne - Booking phone number: 13 13 16 - Crown pricing: From \$1,400 AUD - Crown materials available: Zirconia, porcelain/ceramic,

porcelain-fused-to-metal, gold - CEREC technology: Available on-site - CEREC milling time: Approximately 15–20 minutes - CEREC appointment duration: Approximately 1.5–2.5 hours - HICAPS on-the-spot claiming: Available - Payment plan providers: Payright and other payment partners - Written treatment plan: Provided before work begins - No referral required to book - Specialist referral centre: Collins Street Specialist Centre, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD - Specialists available at Collins Street: Endodontists, prosthodontists, periodontists, oral surgeons - Bridge treatment: Typically two appointments over 2–3 weeks - Areas served: Port Melbourne, Albert Park, Middle Park, Southbank, St Kilda - Content last reviewed: July 2026

### ### General Product Claims

- Crowns and bridges typically last 10–15 years or longer - CEREC crowns are described as high-quality, durable, and natural in appearance - Zirconia is described as virtually indistinguishable from natural enamel - All-ceramic crowns described as offering the highest level of aesthetic realism - Dental implants described as the gold-standard long-term tooth replacement option - Missing teeth stated to cause neighbouring teeth to drift, bite changes, and jawbone density reduction - Crown preparation described as comfortable under local anaesthetic - Post-crown sensitivity described as mild and short-lived - Core Dental Group described as taking a whole-mouth approach to dental care - Coordination between Core Dental Group and Collins Street Specialist Centre described as seamless - CEREC digital impressions described as more comfortable than traditional putty