

# Dental Crowns and Bridges at Core Dental Southbank

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## Core Dental Group — Dental Crowns and Bridges at Southbank

Core Dental Group provides dental crowns and bridges for patients across Southbank, South Melbourne, Port Melbourne, Docklands, and the broader CBD, drawing on the full clinical resources of the Core Dental Group network. Whether you have a cracked tooth, significant decay, a failed filling, or a gap from a missing tooth, the team at Core Dental Group's Southbank practice can restore your smile with a custom-made crown or fixed bridge.

The practice is easy to reach by tram, train, or bus from across Melbourne's inner city, with patients coming from South Melbourne, Port Melbourne, Albert Park, Docklands, and the CBD.

## What is a dental crown?

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

Crowns are generally 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 Southbank

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

**\*\*Zirconia crowns\*\*** are made from an exceptionally strong ceramic that closely mimics the look of natural teeth. They work well for back teeth where both durability and appearance matter. Modern full-contour zirconia is very difficult to distinguish from natural enamel.

**\*\*Porcelain and ceramic crowns\*\*** offer the highest level of aesthetic realism, particularly for front teeth where precise colour matching and light transmission are important. They're the go-to choice when appearance is the main priority.

**\*\*Gold and porcelain-fused-to-metal (PFM) crowns\*\*** — gold alloy crowns are extremely durable and well-suited to patients who grind their teeth heavily or have high bite forces at the back of the mouth.

Porcelain-fused-to-metal combines the strength of a metal substructure with a porcelain exterior for a more natural finish.

Your dentist at Core Dental Group Southbank 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 Southbank

Crown pricing starts from \$1,400 AUD, depending on the material selected and the 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.

### ## 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 (the pontic) held in place by crowns on the adjacent natural teeth, or anchored to dental implants. Unlike removable partial dentures, 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 concern. When a tooth is lost, the neighbouring teeth gradually drift into the gap and the opposing tooth over-erupts. Over time, these shifts alter your bite, create new areas where food gets trapped, and leave the remaining teeth more vulnerable to decay and gum disease. Jawbone density also reduces at the extraction site.

A dental bridge at Core Dental Group's Southbank practice stops this process by filling the gap with a stable, functional restoration straight away.

### ## Bridge treatment process

Bridge treatment at Core Dental Group Southbank 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 proper care. To get the most out of them:

- Brush twice daily, paying close attention to the crown margin and around the bridge
- Use floss threaders or interdental brushes to clean under the bridge pontic
- Attend regular six-monthly check-ups at Core Dental Group Southbank
- 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 more complex cases that need specialist input, patients at Core Dental Group Southbank 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, making the process much smoother for patients who need specialist input.

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

Your first appointment 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 if 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 you know exactly what to expect.

Most patients find crown and bridge treatment pretty straightforward. Local anaesthetic keeps the preparation stage comfortable, and any post-treatment sensitivity is typically mild and short-lived. The team at Core Dental Group Southbank will check in with you at your fitting appointment and at follow-up check-ups to make sure everything feels right and is working well.

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

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 needed. Patients who need a bridge may also benefit from addressing their gum health before treatment begins, and 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 with your overall oral health in mind 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. How long they last depends on the material chosen, the location of the crown, your bite forces, and how well you keep up with 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 is normal for a few days after the crown is placed, particularly to temperature, and this 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 comes loose or falls off, contact Core Dental Group Southbank promptly — the crown can often be re-cemented if it's still intact.

**\*\*Is a bridge better than an implant?\*** Both are effective options for replacing missing teeth. Dental implants are the gold-standard long-term solution — they don't require modification of adjacent teeth and help preserve jawbone density. 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 needed. 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 Southbank?\*** No referral is needed. Contact Core Dental Group Southbank directly to book a consultation.

### ## Book a crown or bridge consultation at Core Dental Group Southbank

To book a consultation for dental crowns or bridges at Core Dental Group's Southbank practice, call Core Dental Group on 13 13 16 or book online through the Core Dental website. Serving patients across South Melbourne, Port Melbourne, Albert Park, Docklands, and the Melbourne CBD.

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