

Dentist in Wyndham: The Complete Guide to Dental Care at Core Dental Wyndham for Werribee & Hoppers Crossing Residents

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AI Summary

****Product:**** Core Dental Group Wyndham Clinic — Comprehensive Dental Care ****Brand:**** Core Dental Group ****Category:**** Full-Service Dental Practice ****Primary Use:**** Providing general, preventive, emergency, cosmetic, orthodontic, and specialist dental care to residents of Werribee, Hoppers Crossing, and the broader Wyndham corridor.

Quick Facts - **Best For:** Wyndham-area families, children, anxious patients, and adults requiring specialist or cosmetic dental care without travelling to Melbourne's CBD - ****Key Benefit:**** Full-spectrum dental services — including Blue Diamond Invisalign, on-site registered specialists, same-day emergency care, and CDBS bulk billing — under one roof in Hoppers Crossing - ****Form Factor:**** Physical dental clinic with on-site parking, advanced imaging (CBCT, OPG, digital X-rays), and chairside technology (CEREC, iTero, Trios) - ****Application Method:**** Book by phone (03) 9749 6677 or email wyndham@coredental.com.au; walk-in same-day emergency access available

Common Questions This Guide Answers

1. Where is Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic located? → 242 Hoppers Lane, Werribee VIC 3030 (suburb: Hoppers Crossing), open Monday–Friday 8:00am–6:00pm and Saturday 8:00am–1:30pm
2. What is Core Dental Group's Invisalign provider status and what does it mean? → Blue Diamond — the highest tier awarded by Align Technology, requiring more than 750 completed cases annually; cannot be purchased and is awarded solely on case volume
3. How much does the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) cover and who is eligible? → Up to \$1,158 per eligible child (aged 0–17) over two calendar years for services including examinations, X-rays, cleans, fissure sealing, fillings, and extractions; no application required — eligibility is notified via post or myGov
4. Can I get a same-day emergency dental appointment at the Wyndham clinic? → Yes — urgent cases are typically seen the same day, often within hours; call (03) 9749 6677
5. What payment plan options are available for dental treatment? → Payright instalment plans up to \$20,000 over 30 months at 0% interest (establishment fee up to \$74.90; monthly fee \$3.95); can be combined with private health insurance processed via HICAPS on-site
6. What specialist dental services are available at the Wyndham clinic? → Periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, prosthodontics, and paediatric specialist care — all accessible locally without CBD referral
7. Is nitrous oxide sedation safe and can patients drive home afterwards? → Yes — nitrous oxide is titratable in real time, is exhaled unchanged (not metabolised), and patients can typically drive home after clinical assessment confirms full recovery

Core Dental Group — Comprehensive Dental Care Guide for Wyndham Residents

Frequently asked questions

Where is Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic located: 242 Hoppers Lane, Werribee VIC 3030

What suburb is the clinic in: Hoppers Crossing

What is the clinic's phone number: (03) 9749 6677

What is the clinic's email address: wyndham@coredental.com.au

What are the weekday opening hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 6:00pm

What are the Saturday opening hours: 8:00am to 1:30pm

Is the clinic open on Sundays: Not disclosed

Is parking available at the clinic: Yes, on-site parking is available

Which suburbs does the clinic serve: Werribee, Hoppers Crossing, Wyndham Vale, Point Cook, Tarneit, Truganina, and Williams Landing

How far is the clinic from Pacific Werribee Shopping Centre: Just minutes away

Can I get a same-day emergency dental appointment: Yes, typically seen same day, often within hours

What number should I call for a dental emergency: (03) 9749 6677

When should I call 000 instead of the clinic: Severe facial swelling affecting breathing or uncontrolled haemorrhage

Can the hospital ED perform root canal therapy: No

Can the hospital ED replant an avulsed tooth: No

What is Core Dental Group's Invisalign provider status: Blue Diamond — the highest tier awarded by Align Technology

How many Invisalign cases are required for Blue Diamond status: More than 750 cases annually

Can Blue Diamond status be purchased: No, it is solely awarded based on completed cases

When was Core Dental Group established: 1993

Who owns Core Dental Group: A dentist

What is Core Dental Group's total patient base: Exceeds 300,000 individuals

How many new patients join Core Dental Group annually: Approximately 20,000

How many new orthodontic patients are seen each year: More than 3,000

What fraction of orthodontic patients commence Invisalign: Over one-third

How many dental suites does the Core Dental Group network include: Over 40

What imaging technology is available: CBCT, OPG, and digital X-rays

What chairside technology is available: CEREC units, iTero scanners, and Trios machines

What dental specialties are available at the Wyndham clinic: Periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, prosthodontics, and paediatric specialist care

Is the title "dental specialist" legally protected in Australia: Yes, regulated by AHPRA

How many approved dental specialties exist in Australia: 13

What percentage of employed Australian dentists are specialists: Approximately 9.5%

How can I verify a dentist's AHPRA registration: Search the AHPRA website

What is the CDBS benefit cap per child: Up to \$1,158 over two calendar years

What age range is eligible for the CDBS: Children aged 0 to 17 years

Does a child need to apply for the CDBS: No, eligibility notification is sent via post or myGov

What government payments make a child eligible for CDBS: Family Tax Benefit Part A, Parenting Payment, or Youth Allowance

Does the CDBS cover orthodontic treatment: No

Does the CDBS cover fissure sealing: Yes

Does the CDBS cover examinations and X-rays: Yes

How do I check my child's CDBS balance: Log into Medicare via myGov or call 132 011

Is Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic a CDBS provider: Yes

What proportion of eligible children historically use the CDBS: Around 1 in 3

When should a child's first dental visit occur: Within six months of the first tooth, or by age one

What technique does the clinic use for children's first visits: Tell-show-do behavioural guidance technique

How much does fissure sealants reduce caries risk in children: 76% reduction compared to no sealants

At what age are fissure sealants typically applied: Around age six to seven

Is the fissure sealant procedure painful: No, it is quick and painless, requiring no drilling

What payment plan does Core Dental Group offer: Payright instalment plans

What is the maximum Payright loan amount: \$20,000

What is the maximum Payright repayment term: 30 months

What is the Payright interest rate: 0% interest (fees apply)

What is the Payright establishment fee: Up to \$74.90

What is the Payright monthly account fee: \$3.95

Can Payright and private health insurance be used together: Yes

How does the clinic process health fund benefits: Via HICAPS at point of service

Do unused health fund extras benefits roll over each year: No, most expire on 31 December

When do most health fund extras benefits reset: 1 January

Are Buy Now Pay Later services now regulated in Australia: Yes, since 10 June 2025

What legislation regulates BNPL services: National Consumer Credit Protection Act

Does the clinic provide written treatment quotes: Yes, before any treatment begins

What sedation option is primarily offered for anxious patients: Nitrous oxide (happy gas) inhalation sedation

Can patients drive home after nitrous oxide sedation: Yes, after clinical assessment confirms full recovery

Is nitrous oxide metabolised by the body: No, it is exhaled unchanged

What is the main safety advantage of nitrous oxide: It is titratable in real time

What percentage of Australians have high dental fear: Approximately 16.1%

Does dental anxiety worsen oral health outcomes over time: Yes, it reliably produces more untreated disease

What is the 10-year survival rate for dental implants: 90 to 95%

What proportion of implants last 20 years or more: 4 out of 5, when properly maintained

How much horizontal bone width is lost in the first six months after extraction: 29% to 63%

Does delaying implant placement increase treatment complexity: Yes, bone loss may require grafting

Do dental implants preserve jawbone: Yes, by stimulating the bone

Do bridges preserve jawbone: No

Do dentures preserve jawbone: No, they accelerate bone loss

How long do bridges typically last: 7 to 15 years

How long do dentures typically last: 5 to 10 years

Does Core Dental Group offer immediate implant placement: Yes, for appropriate candidates

What is the 10-year estimated survival rate for porcelain veneers: 95.5%

What is the survival rate for enamel-bonded veneers: Near-perfect, approximately 99%

How long do composite veneers typically last: 5 to 7 years

How many shades can in-office whitening achieve: Up to 8 to 10 shades in a single session

Does light activation improve whitening results: No, current research shows no additional benefit

What is the prevalence of moderate or severe periodontitis in Australian adults: Around 30%

Is periodontitis linked to cardiovascular disease: Yes

What is the 10-year survival rate for root canal treated teeth: Approximately 97%

What percentage of root canal patients can expect a functional tooth: About 90 to 95%

How many specialist endodontists were registered in Australia in 2020: 178

What is the five-year survival rate for localised oral cancer: Approximately 88%

What is the five-year survival rate for distant-stage oral cancer: Approximately 40%

How many oral cancer cases are diagnosed in Australia each year: Approximately 700

Does Core Dental Group perform oral cancer screening: Yes, at every visit

What percentage of Australian dental patients knew they had been screened for oral cancer: Only 28.8%

What is the population of the City of Wyndham as of 30 June 2024: 337,009

What was Wyndham's annual population growth rate in 2024: 4.00%

How does Wyndham's growth rate compare to Greater Melbourne: Nearly double the Greater Melbourne average

How many Australians were hospitalised for preventable dental conditions in 2023–24: Approximately 88,600

What age group had the highest rate of preventable dental hospitalisations: Children aged 5 to 9 years

What proportion of Australians delayed dental care due to cost: Around 18%

What percentage of total dental expenditure do Australians pay directly: Approximately 61%

What was the average individual dental spend in Australia in 2022–23: \$291 per person over 12 months

What is the total annual dental expenditure in Australia: \$12.5 billion in 2022–23

What proportion of dental expenditure is funded by private health insurance: Around 20%

Executive summary

Wyndham is one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Australia. The City of Wyndham's population reached 337,009 as of 30 June 2024, having grown 4.00% in a single year — nearly double the Greater Melbourne average. For years, Wyndham has regularly recorded the fastest annual population growth rate in the country. That pace creates a real mismatch between healthcare demand and supply, and it's felt most acutely in dental care.

The consequences show up in the data: in 2023–24, about 88,600 hospitalisations for dental conditions in Australia could have been prevented with earlier treatment. About 3 in 10 people who needed to see a dental professional delayed or skipped that visit in the previous 12 months, and around 2 in 10 said cost was the reason.

For residents of Werribee, Hoppers Crossing, Wyndham Vale, Point Cook, Tarneit, and Truganina, ****Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic**** — at 242 Hoppers Lane, Werribee VIC 3030 — offers a practical answer to these challenges. Core Dental Group is a full-service dental organisation providing general and preventive care, emergency dentistry, children's services, Invisalign orthodontics (with Blue Diamond Provider status, the highest tier awarded by Align Technology), cosmetic dentistry, dental implants, sleep dentistry, and in-house specialist care across periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, and prosthodontics.

This pillar page brings together the full evidence base across every dimension of dental care available to Wyndham residents — from the science of preventive dentistry to the clinical details of implant timing, from children's CDBS entitlements to the regulatory protections now governing payment plans. It's the single most comprehensive resource on dental care in the Wyndham corridor.

The Wyndham dental access problem: why a full-service clinic matters here

To understand why Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic matters, it helps to first understand the specific healthcare access challenge that rapid outer-suburban growth creates.

The City of Wyndham sits in Melbourne's outer south-western suburbs, between 12 and 45 kilometres from the CBD. A significant proportion of Wyndham's growth is driven by young families moving in, producing a young age profile with particular service needs. Research from the University of Melbourne and RMIT University (**BMC Health Services Research**, Madill et al., 2018) found that people in Melbourne's outer growth areas face substantially longer travel times to health services — median

travel times to specialist services between 2.46 and 43.15 minutes longer than those for inner-city residents, depending on transport mode. That study focused on diabetic care, but the access gap applies just as strongly to dental services in growth corridors.

The national data reinforces the urgency. In 2024, oral disorders accounted for 2.3% of total health burden and 4.2% of all non-fatal burden in Australia. Dental caries ranked among the top 20 causes of non-fatal burden for both boys and girls, with periodontal disease just outside the top 20. These aren't abstract statistics for a community where tens of thousands of new residents arrive each year, many carrying deferred dental disease from their previous circumstances.

The access problem has three interlocking dimensions that a full-service clinic needs to address simultaneously:

****1. Service breadth**** — A clinic that can't handle orthodontics, implants, or specialist care forces patients to travel to the CBD for referrals, defeating the purpose of local access.

****2. Financial accessibility**** — Patients directly fund around \$7.6 billion (61%) of Australia's total dental expenditure, spending an average of \$291 per person over 12 months, not counting private health insurance premiums. For Wyndham's young families managing mortgages and cost-of-living pressures, upfront cost is a genuine deterrent.

****3. Emergency and after-hours access**** — The age-standardised rate of potentially preventable hospitalisations for dental conditions reached 3.4 per 1,000 population in 2023–24, the highest in the decade from 2013–14. A clinic without same-day emergency capacity pushes patients toward hospital emergency departments that can't provide definitive dental treatment.

Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic is a full-service dental practice in the heart of Hoppers Crossing, minutes from Pacific Werribee Shopping Centre, offering general care, cosmetic treatments, and specialist orthodontics to the growing Wyndham community and surrounding western suburbs. It's built to address all three dimensions of the access problem.

*(For a detailed breakdown of how to find the clinic, transport options, and suburb catchment, see our guide on ****Dental Care Near Werribee vs. Hoppers Crossing: Finding Core Dental Group's Wyndham Location & Accessibility****.)*

The Core Dental Group team: group scale, local expertise

What sets Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic apart from a standard suburban practice isn't just the range of services — it's the clinical infrastructure behind them.

Established in 1993 and owned and operated by a dentist, Core Dental Group works in conjunction with Smile Solutions, one of Australia's largest dental practices. Together, these affiliated practices have built a patient base exceeding 300,000 individuals, with approximately 20,000 new patients joining annually. The orthodontic department alone welcomes more than 3,000 new patients each year, with over one-third commencing Invisalign treatment — a volume that has earned Core Dental Group Blue Diamond Invisalign provider status, the highest tier awarded by Align Technology.

Core Dental Group's network model gives patients access to over 40 dental suites equipped with CEREC units, iTero scanners, Trios machines, CBCT imaging, and multiple implant systems.

The clinical team at Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic includes general dentists, registered dental specialists, and dental hygienists. Specialist services available through the clinic cover periodontology, endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, prosthodontics, and paediatric specialist care. This multi-disciplinary composition isn't incidental — it's what allows Wyndham patients to receive the full spectrum of dental care, from a toddler's first visit to a complex full-arch implant rehabilitation, without leaving their local area.

In Australia, the title "dental specialist" is legally protected and regulated by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). There are 13 approved dental specialties, and as of 2023, around 9.5% of employed dentists in Australia held specialist registration — a relatively small pool distributed across the country. Having specialist-level access locally, rather than through a CBD referral, is a meaningful clinical advantage for Wyndham residents.

*(For a full explanation of each specialty, when referral is appropriate, and how the multi-disciplinary model works, see our guide on ****Specialist Dental Care in Wyndham: Periodontist, Endodontist, Oral Surgeon & More****.)*

General and preventive dentistry: the foundation of everything

Every complex dental treatment — every implant, every veneer, every orthodontic case — rests on sound preventive care. Understanding what happens at a general dentistry appointment at Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic, and why each component matters, is the starting point for every patient relationship.

The Patient Experience Survey 2023–24 found that just over half (53%) of Australians aged 15 and over visited a dental professional in the last 12 months. That means nearly half the population is going without the routine care that underpins long-term oral health — and the downstream cost is significant.

What a comprehensive oral examination actually covers

A comprehensive oral examination at Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic is a systematic, multi-system assessment. It covers:

- ****Tooth-by-tooth assessment**** — probing for active decay, failing restorations, cracked tooth syndrome, and wear patterns indicating bruxism or acid erosion, supported by digital X-rays (recommended every 12–24 months depending on risk profile) - ****Periodontal probing**** — calibrated measurement of the sulcus depth around each tooth to detect and stage gum disease. Healthy depths are 1–3 mm; readings of 4 mm or more indicate early to moderate periodontitis - ****Bite, jaw, and TMJ assessment**** — evaluation of occlusion and screening for grinding habits that allow protective intervention before significant tooth structure is lost - ****Oral cancer screening**** — a visual and tactile examination of all oral mucosal surfaces, tongue, floor of the mouth, and neck

The oral cancer screening component deserves particular attention. Approximately 700 cases of oral cancer are diagnosed each year in Australia, with an overall five-year survival rate of only 50% — but if detected early, survival rates can reach 90%. Research published in **Cancer Nexus** (Jindal et al., Wiley, 2026) found that the five-year relative survival rate for localised oral cavity and pharyngeal cancers is approximately 88%, compared with around 40% for distant-stage disease. Despite this, only 28.8% of Australian dental patients surveyed knew they had been screened for oral cancer (University of NSW study, **PMC**, 2022). Core Dental Group communicates the screening process to patients at every visit.

The evidence on scale-and-clean frequency

The professional scale-and-clean is the component of a dental visit most patients think of first — and the most nuanced in terms of its evidence base. A 2024 rapid review published in the **Journal of Dental Research** (Matthews & Al-Waeli, Dalhousie University) found that regular scale-and-polish reduced tooth loss and was associated with lower overall healthcare costs for diabetes and reduced incidence of acute myocardial infarction in those with regular treatment.

At Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic, scale-and-clean frequency is risk-stratified, not applied as a blanket six-monthly schedule. Patients with healthy gums and low caries risk may be well-managed annually. Patients with active periodontal disease, heavy calculus build-up, or systemic conditions such

as diabetes benefit from three- to four-monthly supportive periodontal therapy (SPT), consistent with European Federation of Periodontology S3 Clinical Practice Guidelines (Sanz et al., 2020/2022).

Fluoride treatments: not just for children

Professionally applied topical fluoride varnish is one of the most well-supported preventive interventions in dentistry. A 2025 narrative review published in *Healthcare* (Yeh et al.) found that fluoride varnish applications performed two to four times per year can reduce the incidence of dental caries in permanent teeth by up to 43%. Adults at elevated risk — those with a history of frequent decay, exposed root surfaces, orthodontic appliances, or dry mouth from medication — benefit as significantly as children.

*(For a detailed guide to what happens at each appointment type and why routine visits matter, see our guide on ****General Dentistry in Wyndham: Check-Ups, Cleans & Preventive Care Explained****.)*

Emergency dental care: same-day access in a growing suburb

Dental emergencies are among the most common acute healthcare presentations in Australia — and among the most poorly served in outer-suburban growth corridors.

The age-standardised rate of potentially preventable hospitalisations for dental conditions has fluctuated between 2.8 and 3.4 per 1,000 population over the decade from 2013–14 to 2023–24. In 2023–24, the rate was highest for children aged 5–9 years, at 12.1 per 1,000 population. These aren't inevitable outcomes — they're the measurable consequence of insufficient access to timely, non-hospital dental care.

Core Dental Group's Wyndham emergency dentist typically sees urgent cases the same day, often within hours. If you have a dental emergency, call (03) 9749 6677.

The most time-critical emergency: avulsed teeth

Dental avulsion — a knocked-out permanent tooth — is the emergency where minutes determine outcomes. According to International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT) guidelines, outcomes are best when replantation occurs within 30 minutes, the tooth is stored in an appropriate medium (milk, saline, or between the cheek and gum), and there are no significant concomitant injuries. Prognosis depends critically on extra-oral dry time and storage medium.

****The 30-minute action protocol:**** 1. Handle the tooth by the crown only — never the root 2. Rinse gently with milk or saline if dirty — do not scrub 3. Reinsert into the socket immediately if possible, and bite gently on a clean cloth 4. If reinsertion isn't possible, store in milk, saline, or between cheek and gum 5. Call Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic immediately and travel directly to the clinic

Note: avulsion of primary (baby) teeth does not require reimplantation and is generally not recommended, due to risk of damage to the developing permanent tooth germ.

Why the hospital ED is the wrong choice for most dental emergencies

A hospital emergency department can prescribe pain relief and antibiotics, but it can't perform root canal therapy, replant an avulsed tooth, or restore a broken crown. Research shows that more than 60% of emergency doctors surveyed by the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine incorrectly answered questions on dental fracture, periodontal abscess, and ulcerative gingivitis. Going to a hospital ED for a toothache or lost filling typically results in pain relief medication, a referral back to a dentist, and a multi-hour wait — without resolving the underlying problem.

Core Dental Group's Wyndham emergency service bridges this gap by providing immediate, definitive dental care in a fully equipped clinical environment, with access to digital radiography, specialist referral pathways, and sedation options for anxious patients.

*(For a complete guide to dental emergency types, urgency classification, and what to do before you arrive, see our guide on ****Emergency Dentist in Wyndham: Same-Day Care for Werribee & Hoppers Crossing****.)*

Children's dentistry and the CDBS: protecting Wyndham's young families

Wyndham's demographic profile skews young. Much of the municipality's growth is driven by young families moving in, and the oral health implications of that reality are significant — and largely preventable.

In 2023–24, the rate of potentially preventable hospitalisations for dental conditions was highest in children aged 5–9 years, at 12.1 per 1,000 population. Early childhood caries (ECC) is the number one reason children are hospitalised for general anaesthetic each year in Australia — and is five times more common than asthma.

When should a child's first dental visit happen?

The Australian Dental Association recommends a child's first dental visit occur within six months of the first tooth appearing, or by the child's first birthday — whichever comes first. In practice, most Australian children arrive far later; the first dental visit for most children was at ages four or five years (62% of a large statewide cohort). This delay has direct consequences: early childhood caries can be reversed with preventive treatment in its very early stages, but only if it's identified before cavitation occurs.

Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic welcomes infants from this age, offering gentle familiarisation appointments using the well-established "tell-show-do" behavioural guidance technique — designed to make the dental chair a comfortable and familiar environment from the outset.

Fissure sealants: the most effective preventive tool for school-age children

The clinical evidence for fissure sealants is among the strongest in all of preventive dentistry. Research shows that:

- Children and adolescents who have sealants placed on sound pits and fissures of permanent molars have a ****76% reduction in the risk of developing caries**** compared with those who don't receive sealants - After more than 7 years of follow-up, children who received sealants had a caries incidence of 29%, whereas those without sealants had a caries incidence of 74%

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry concluded that sealants are effective in preventing and arresting pit-and-fissure occlusal carious lesions of primary and permanent molars in children and adolescents, and that sealants can slow the progression of non-cavitated occlusal carious lesions.

At Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic, fissure sealants are applied to the permanent molars of eligible children, typically from around age six to seven when the first permanent molars have sufficiently erupted. The procedure is quick, painless, and requires no drilling.

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS): what Wyndham families need to know

The CDBS is one of the most significant and underutilised financial resources available to Wyndham families. The government covers up to \$1,158 for each eligible child over two calendar years for basic dental services — an amount indexed annually on 1 January.

****Eligibility:**** Your child is eligible if they qualify for Medicare, are between 0 and 17 years old for at least one day in the calendar year, and either you or they receive an eligible government payment (including Family Tax Benefit Part A, Parenting Payment, or Youth Allowance). You don't need to apply — eligibility notification is sent via post or myGov.

A 2025 systematic review published in **BMC Oral Health** found that treatment success with clear aligners is primarily determined by patient compliance, treatment planning, and case complexity — which is why the experience level of your provider, not just the technology, is critical to outcomes.

Orthodontics for teens and adults: key differences

For teenagers, Invisalign Teen includes wear indicators — small blue dots that fade with use — allowing parents and clinicians to objectively assess whether aligners are being worn the recommended 20–22 hours per day. For teens with complex bite issues or severe crowding, traditional metal braces may remain the most clinically appropriate choice.

Adult orthodontics is one of the fastest-growing segments in Australian dentistry. Adults considering orthodontics should also know that gum health must be stable before treatment begins — a point that reinforces the value of having general dentistry and specialist services co-located at Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic. For working professionals who prefer discretion, Invisalign's near-invisibility is a decisive advantage; for those requiring complete concealment, lingual braces offer the same biomechanical reliability as metal braces with no frontal visibility.

*(For a full comparison of treatment options, the ClinCheck digital planning process, and cost guidance, see our guide on ****Invisalign & Orthodontics at Core Dental Group's Wyndham Clinic: Clear Aligners vs. Braces for Teens and Adults****.)*

Cosmetic dentistry: from teeth whitening to complete smile makeovers

Cosmetic dentistry at Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic isn't a separate offering from clinical care — it's an integrated dimension of it. Every smile makeover begins with a comprehensive oral health assessment, so cosmetic work is built on a sound clinical foundation.

Professional teeth whitening: what the evidence shows

Professional whitening treatments are more efficient than over-the-counter products because they use higher concentrations of bleaching agents. A 2024 systematic review published in **Bioengineering** (Butera et al., University of Pavia) found that all types of bleaching were effective in changing tooth colour. In-office whitening uses 25–40% hydrogen peroxide and can achieve up to 8–10 shades of improvement in a single 60–90 minute session, compared with 4–8 shades over 2–4 weeks with take-home trays and 1–3 shades with over-the-counter products.

One important nuance: current research shows that light activation does not provide additional whitening benefits — a finding worth considering before paying a premium for light-based whitening protocols.

For patients with a history of sensitivity, newer phthalimidoperoxycaproic acid (PAP)-based systems have demonstrated up to 8.13 shade units of improvement in controlled studies while maintaining a 0% sensitivity rate after 14 days of treatment.

Porcelain veneers: the 10-year evidence

Porcelain laminate veneers are the premium cosmetic option for cases involving significant discolouration, chips, wear, or shape irregularities. A 2021 systematic review published in the **Journal of Clinical Medicine** (Alenezi et al., Qassim University and Malmö University) — covering 25 clinical studies and 6,500 veneers — found a ****10-year estimated cumulative survival rate of 95.5%**** for porcelain laminate veneers. A 2024 systematic review in the **Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry** further found that enamel-bonded veneers had near-perfect survival rates of 99%.

Composite veneers offer a faster, more affordable, and reversible alternative — sculpted directly onto the tooth surface in a single appointment. They generally last 5–7 years and suit patients wanting a

lower-cost entry into cosmetic treatment, or those seeking a preview of a fuller smile makeover before committing to porcelain.

Smile makeovers: the sequencing logic

A smile makeover is a curated treatment plan combining two or more cosmetic and restorative interventions. At Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic, treatment sequencing follows a logical clinical order:

1. **Resolve oral health issues first** — decay, gum disease, or bite problems must be addressed before cosmetic work begins; cosmetic dentistry on a compromised foundation won't last 2. **Orthodontics if needed** — Core Dental Group's Blue Diamond Invisalign status means alignment correction can be seamlessly incorporated before final cosmetic work 3. **Whitening before shade-matching** — if veneers or crowns are planned, whitening establishes the target shade first 4. **Veneers, crowns, or bonding** — final aesthetic restorations are fabricated to match the new shade and desired shape 5. **Implants if required** — for patients with missing teeth, dental implants provide the most aesthetic and durable foundation for a crown

Research published in the *Journal of Cosmetic Dentistry* found that patients who underwent smile makeovers reported a notable increase in self-confidence and a positive shift in their social interactions, with the ability to smile confidently becoming a catalyst for personal and professional growth.

*(For treatment-by-treatment guidance including composite bonding, gum contouring, and complete smile design, see our guide on **Cosmetic Dentistry in Wyndham: Teeth Whitening, Veneers & Smile Makeovers**.)*

Dental implants: the gold standard for permanent tooth replacement

Dental implants are the only tooth replacement technology that addresses tooth loss at its biological root: the loss of stimulation to the jawbone. Every other replacement method — bridges and dentures — fails to prevent the bone resorption that begins immediately after tooth loss.

The bone resorption timeline: why acting promptly matters

A systematic review published in PubMed found that the alveolar ridge loses 29% to 63% of its horizontal width and 11% to 22% of its vertical height within the **first six months** after extraction. Research published in the *International Journal of Dentistry* reported that alveolar bone can shrink by 40% to 60% in height and width within the first two to three years, with ongoing loss of 0.25% to 0.5% per year thereafter. The practical implication: the longer a patient waits, the more likely it is that a bone graft will be required before implant placement — adding time, cost, and complexity.

What the long-term evidence shows

Dental implants carry one of the strongest evidence bases of any elective surgical procedure in dentistry. Research spanning 1980 to 2023 reports success rates in the range of 94.6% to 100%, with most modern studies at or above 97%. A large-scale real-world analysis published in 2025 examining 158,824 implants placed between 2014 and 2022 demonstrated a clinical success rate of 97.83%. The 10-year survival rate for dental implants is 90–95%, with 4 out of 5 implants lasting 20 years or more when properly maintained.

Implants vs. bridges vs. dentures: the complete comparison

Factor	Dental Implant	Fixed Bridge	Removable Denture	--- --- --- ---	Bone preservation
Yes — stimulates jawbone		No	No — accelerates bone loss		Adjacent teeth affected
					No Yes
— requires grinding		No		Longevity	20–25+ years 7–15 years 5–10 years
					Feel/function
Most natural		Good, but fixed	Can shift or cause discomfort		Long-term cost-effectiveness
					High

| Moderate | Lower |

On long-term economics, the calculus often shifts in favour of implants. Bridges and dentures typically need remaking once or twice over a 15–20 year window, while implants that integrate successfully often serve far longer with only routine maintenance. Implant-supported prostheses also preserve bone rather than contributing to the continuing resorption seen under complete dentures.

Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic offers both conventional and immediate implant placement pathways. For appropriate candidates, immediate placement — where the implant goes directly into the extraction socket at the time of tooth removal — can reduce the number of surgical operations and shorten overall treatment duration. A February 2025 narrative review in the **Journal of Clinical Medicine** analysed 9,774 articles and found consistently high survival rates across all timing protocols.

Key risk factors for implant complications include a history of periodontitis, smoking, uncontrolled diabetes, and poor biofilm control. Modern consensus statements identify these as the main systemic and behavioural risk factors for peri-implant diseases — all assessed during Core Dental Group's pre-implant consultation at the Wyndham clinic.

*(For the complete treatment timeline from consultation to final crown, candidacy assessment, and how implants are coordinated with specialist services, see our guide on ****Dental Implants in Wyndham: Permanent Tooth Replacement at Core Dental Group****.)*

Sleep dentistry: closing the anxiety gap

Dental anxiety isn't a minor inconvenience — it's a clinically recognised barrier to care with measurable consequences for long-term oral health. Research from the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health at the University of Adelaide found that 16.1% of Australians have high dental fear, with a higher percentage of females than males reporting it.

The consequences of untreated dental anxiety compound over time. Dental anxiety and phobia are often described as a vicious cycle where avoidance of dental care, poor oral health, and psychosocial effects are common features, often escalating over time. Anxious patients are more prone to untreated caries and tooth loss — meaning dental anxiety doesn't protect patients from dental pain; it reliably produces more of it over time.

Nitrous oxide (happy gas): safety, mechanism, and recovery

Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic offers sleep dentistry options and uses gentle techniques to ensure comfortable visits for nervous patients. The primary in-chair sedation modality is ****nitrous oxide (N₂O) inhalation sedation**** — the most widely used, evidence-supported, and clinically appropriate option for the majority of anxious dental patients.

Nitrous oxide acts on the central nervous system — primarily through GABA receptors and endogenous opioid pathways — to produce anxiolysis, mild analgesia, and a sense of wellbeing. Its key clinical advantage is titrability: the dentist can increase or decrease the concentration in real time based on the patient's response, a safety advantage that oral or intravenous sedation agents can't match.

A 2025 systematic review and meta-analysis published in **Medicina** (Piccialli et al., Università degli Studi della Campania Luigi Vanvitelli) — examining 1,809 records from Embase, PubMed, and CENTRAL — found no statistically significant differences between N₂O and other sedative techniques across all outcomes evaluated, including patient satisfaction and successful procedure completion. A 10-year retrospective study of nitrous oxide–oxygen sedation in paediatric patients found no reported adverse events during or after 128 sedation sessions.

Recovery is rapid: because N₂O is not metabolised by the body and is exhaled unchanged, most patients are fully recovered within minutes of the nosepiece being removed. Unlike oral or IV sedation,

patients who receive only nitrous oxide can typically drive themselves home after clinical assessment confirms full recovery.

Beyond happy gas: the full comfort framework

Sleep dentistry works best when nitrous oxide is embedded within a broader patient-centred comfort framework. At Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic, this includes the tell-show-do technique, patient-controlled stop signals, topical anaesthetic before any injection, distraction techniques, and pacing with rest breaks. For patients whose anxiety is severe enough to require IV sedation or general anaesthesia, Core Dental Group can coordinate referral to appropriate specialists.

One of the most underappreciated applications of sleep dentistry is enabling patients to complete complex, multi-stage treatment plans — dental implants, full-mouth rehabilitation, or multiple extractions — that would otherwise be abandoned due to anxiety, potentially avoiding hospital-based general anaesthesia and its associated costs and recovery time.

*(For a full guide to sedation suitability, contraindications, and what to expect before, during, and after a sedated appointment, see our guide on ****Sleep Dentistry in Wyndham: Sedation Options for Anxious Dental Patients****.)*

Specialist dental care in Wyndham: periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery and more

Access to registered dental specialists has historically been a CBD privilege. Core Dental Group's integrated model changes that for Wyndham residents.

Periodontics: the gum disease crisis

In 2017–18, around one-third (30%) of adults aged 15 years and over had moderate or severe periodontitis — up from around one-quarter (23%) in 2004–06. The proportion of adults with periodontitis increased with age, from 8.6% in those aged 15–24 to 59% in those aged 65 years and over.

Poor oral health is associated with several chronic diseases, including stroke and cardiovascular disease. Research also links periodontal disease to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia, chronic kidney disease, rheumatoid arthritis, adverse pregnancy outcomes, obesity, metabolic syndrome, and cancer. Untreated periodontitis isn't merely a dental problem — it's a whole-body health risk.

A periodontist at Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic can manage the full spectrum of periodontal conditions — from gingivitis to advanced periodontitis, gum recession, and peri-implantitis — without patients needing to travel to the CBD.

Endodontics: saving teeth through root canal therapy

In 2020, 178 specialist endodontists were registered in Australia against 24,406 registered general dental practitioners — meaning specialist endodontic access was severely limited outside metropolitan centres. If root canal treatment isn't available locally, the sole option for many patients becomes extraction, which affects not only oral health but general health in both physiological and psychological ways.

Root canal therapy has a strong evidence base for long-term tooth preservation: about 90 to 95% of people who undergo root canal treatment can expect a functional tooth after treatment. A retrospective study published in *PMC* (2023) tracking 598 endodontically treated teeth over up to 37 years found cumulative survival rates of 97% at 10 years, 81% at 20 years, and 76% at 30 years.

Oral surgery, prosthodontics, and paediatric specialist care

Core Dental Group's specialist network also covers oral and maxillofacial surgery (complex extractions, dental implant placement, bone grafting, biopsy of oral lesions), prosthodontics (full-mouth rehabilitation, implant-supported prostheses, complex crown and bridge work), and paediatric specialist care for children with significant behavioural management needs, developmental anomalies, or complex trauma cases.

The integrated care model at Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic means your general dentist identifies the need, an in-house or affiliated specialist is engaged, and your complete dental history remains in a single coordinated record — eliminating the fragmentation and communication delays that characterise the traditional specialist referral pathway.

*(For a complete guide to each specialty, when referral is appropriate, and how the multi-disciplinary model works in practice, see our guide on ****Specialist Dental Care in Wyndham: Periodontist, Endodontist, Oral Surgeon & More****.)*

Making dental care financially accessible: payment plans and health funds

Australia spent \$12.5 billion on dental services in 2022–23. Patients directly funded around \$7.6 billion (61%) of that, spending an average of \$291 per person over 12 months, not counting private health insurance premiums. For Wyndham's young families managing mortgages and cost-of-living pressures, this is a genuine deterrent to care.

Financial barriers reduce the likelihood of dental attendance and adversely influence the timeliness and comprehensiveness of care that is sought and provided. Many Australians face financial barriers in accessing dental services.

Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic has structured its payment and financing options specifically to remove this barrier.

Payright instalment plans: up to \$20,000 interest-free

The centrepiece of Core Dental Group's payment flexibility is its Payright instalment plan, which covers general, cosmetic, and specialist dental treatment up to ****\$20,000**** across repayment terms of up to 30 months. Payright provides fortnightly instalments with 0% interest for terms up to 30 months (fees apply — establishment fees up to \$74.90 and monthly account fees of \$3.95). This interest-free structure is a critical distinction from personal loans or credit cards, which typically carry interest rates of 15–22% per annum.

Payright applies across the full spectrum of clinical services: general dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, orthodontics, dental implants, specialist services, and sleep dentistry. Many patients aren't aware that Payright and private health insurance can be used together — the health fund pays its benefit directly to the practice via HICAPS, and the remaining gap is then financed through Payright.

****Important regulatory update (2025):**** Since 10 June 2025, Buy Now, Pay Later services have been regulated under the National Consumer Credit Protection Act. Providers must now assess your ability to repay and offer clear dispute resolution options — strengthening patient confidence in using instalment plans for dental care.

Private health fund processing and annual limits

Private health insurance providers funded around \$2.5 billion (20%) of total dental expenditure in Australia. Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic processes all major private health funds on-site using HICAPS, meaning your benefit is claimed at the point of service and you pay only the gap.

A critical strategic consideration: for most health insurance funds, extras benefits expire on 31 December and reset on 1 January — unused benefits do not roll over. Scheduling outstanding

treatment before your fund's reset date maximises your benefit. Core Dental Group's team can advise on timing treatment across two benefit years to maximise fund contributions to high-cost procedures such as crowns, implants, and orthodontics.

With group buying power, Core Dental Group purchases high-quality equipment and materials at reduced cost, passing those savings on through treatment plans designed to fall within patients' budgets.

*(For a complete breakdown of Payright fees, how to combine payment plans with health fund benefits, CDBS bulk billing, and the financial clarity checklist to bring to your consultation, see our guide on ****Dental Payment Plans & Health Fund Options at Core Dental Group's Wyndham Clinic****.)*

Life-stage oral health: a cross-cutting framework for Wyndham families

One of the most important insights that emerges from synthesising all cluster articles is that oral health isn't a single, static concern — it's a life-long journey that shifts in character at every stage. The data reflects the progression of untreated dental disease across life stages. In 2024, the relative proportion of non-fatal burden due to dental caries decreased with age from 99% in children aged 0–14 years to 14% in those aged 85 and over. Half of non-fatal burden due to oral disorders in people aged 85 years and over was due to severe tooth loss (50%), followed by periodontal disease (36%).

This progression has a direct implication for how Core Dental Group's services interconnect:

| Life stage | Primary oral health risk | Key services at Core Dental Group Wyndham | ---|---|---| |
Infants (0–3) | Early childhood caries | First visit, parent education, fluoride varnish | | **Primary school (4–12)** | Caries in permanent molars | Fissure sealants, CDBS, fluoride treatments | |
Teenagers (13–18) | Gingivitis, orthodontic need | Orthodontic assessment, Invisalign Teen, braces | |
Young adults (19–35) | Periodontal disease onset, cosmetic concerns | Scale-and-clean, whitening, veneers, Invisalign | |
Mid-adults (36–55) | Periodontitis, failing restorations | Specialist periodontics, crowns, implant planning | |
Older adults (55+) | Root caries, tooth loss, oral cancer | Implants, dentures, oral cancer screening | |
Seniors (65+) | Advanced periodontitis, edentulism | Prosthodontics, implant-retained prostheses |

Poor adult oral health is strongly predicted by poor childhood oral health. This single finding from the AIHW is perhaps the most powerful argument for early, consistent preventive care — and for choosing a clinic that can serve your family across every life stage, rather than requiring a new provider at each transition.

The connection between life stages is also evident in the relationship between dental anxiety and oral health outcomes. The dental experiences children have in their early years shape their attitudes toward oral health for decades. Children who have calm, positive dental visits — supported by Core Dental Group's child-friendly approach and sleep dentistry options — develop lifelong habits of regular attendance and self-care, breaking the anxiety cycle before it begins.

*(For evidence-based, actionable guidance at every life stage from infancy through senior years, see our guide on ****Oral Health Guide for Wyndham Families: Preventive Tips Across Every Life Stage****.)*

How to choose the right dentist in Wyndham: a 7-criteria framework

For the thousands of new households arriving in Wyndham each year, choosing a dental clinic is a consequential healthcare decision that's often made without a personal referral network to draw on. The following framework — grounded in the evidence across all cluster articles — provides a structured basis for that decision.

1. Verified AHPRA registration and specialist credentials

Every dentist and dental specialist in Australia must hold current AHPRA registration to practise legally. The AHPRA website contains a searchable database listing all dental professionals, including whether a practitioner holds general or specialist registration. This is the single most important quality check you can perform — it takes two minutes and is overlooked by most patients.

2. Service breadth under one roof

A full-service clinic should handle your family's dental needs across every life stage — from a toddler's first visit to a complex implant case in your 50s. Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic covers all eight major service categories: preventive and general dentistry, paediatric care, orthodontics, cosmetic dentistry, restorative dentistry (including implants), specialist care, emergency dentistry, and sedation.

3. Same-day emergency access and Saturday availability

Emergency access is where clinic capability is most visibly tested. Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic offers same-day emergency appointments and Saturday availability (8:00am–1:30pm) — a meaningful differentiator in a suburb where after-hours healthcare options are limited.

4. Paediatric capability and CDBS participation

A genuinely family-friendly clinic participates in the CDBS, offers child-specific examination techniques, and provides fissure sealants and fluoride treatments. Confirm that the clinic actively processes CDBS claims — not all practices do.

5. Dental anxiety support and sedation options

High dental fear affects about one in seven Australian adults. A practice that doesn't proactively address dental anxiety will lose a meaningful proportion of its potential patient base — and those patients will defer care until conditions worsen. The presence of sedation options signals a clinic's commitment to treating the whole patient.

6. Health fund compatibility and payment transparency

Ask whether the clinic processes your health fund on-the-spot via HICAPS, provides written treatment quotes before commencing work, and offers a payment plan for major treatment. Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic does all three.

7. Technology standards and diagnostic capability

A contemporary Wyndham dental clinic should have digital X-rays, OPG (panoramic) imaging, intraoral cameras, CBCT (3D cone beam imaging) for implant and surgical planning, and digital treatment records. Core Dental Group's network gives patients access to over 40 dental suites equipped with CEREC units, iTero scanners, Trios machines, CBCT imaging, and multiple implant systems.

Red flags to avoid

- Vague or verbal-only treatment quotes — always request written estimates with item numbers - Pressure to begin treatment at the first appointment before a full examination is complete - Clinics that can't accommodate children or don't participate in the CDBS - Practitioners who claim "specialist" titles without AHPRA specialist registration

*(For a complete evidence-based guide to evaluating dental clinics in Wyndham, including a practical 5-step selection framework, see our guide on ****How to Choose the Right Dentist in Wyndham: What Werribee & Hoppers Crossing Residents Should Look For****.)*

Key takeaways

1. **Wyndham's growth demands a full-service clinic.** With a population of 337,009 and growing at 4.00% annually — nearly double the Greater Melbourne average — Wyndham needs a dental clinic that can deliver the full spectrum of care locally, without CBD referrals.
2. **Preventable dental disease is a public health crisis.** In 2023–24, about 88,600 hospitalisations for dental conditions in Australia could have been prevented with earlier treatment. Most of this burden is avoidable with timely preventive care and same-day emergency access.
3. **Core Dental Group's Blue Diamond Invisalign status is a genuine clinical differentiator.** This status requires completing more than 750 Invisalign cases annually, placing Core Dental Group among the top Invisalign providers in Australia — accessible to Wyndham residents without travelling to the CBD.
4. **Children's dental care is the highest-leverage preventive investment.** Poor adult oral health is strongly predicted by poor childhood oral health. Fissure sealants, early fluoride treatment, and CDBS-funded preventive care are the most cost-effective interventions available.
5. **Dental anxiety is a public health issue, not a personal failing.** High dental fear affects about one in seven Australian adults and reliably produces worse oral health outcomes over time. Sleep dentistry — particularly nitrous oxide sedation — is a safe, evidence-supported solution available at Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic.
6. **The financial barrier is solvable.** Individuals directly fund 61% of total dental expenditure in Australia. Payright instalment plans up to \$20,000, HICAPS health fund processing, CDBS bulk billing, and upfront written quotes collectively remove the financial uncertainty that causes most Wyndham residents to defer necessary care.
7. **Oral health is a life-long journey.** The services at Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic aren't siloed — they're interconnected across every life stage, from a toddler's first visit to a senior's implant-retained prosthesis. Choosing a clinic that can serve your family across all of these stages is the most important dental decision you'll make.

Conclusion: the case for comprehensive local dental care in Wyndham

Wyndham's extraordinary population growth, Australia's structural dental access challenges, and the clinical complexity of modern dentistry all point to the same need: a genuinely full-service dental clinic that can deliver the complete spectrum of care — preventive, restorative, cosmetic, specialist, emergency, and paediatric — under one roof, with financial accessibility built in.

Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic, at 242 Hoppers Lane, Werribee VIC 3030, is that clinic. Its Blue Diamond Invisalign provider status, on-site registered specialists, same-day emergency access, CDBS participation, Payright payment plans, and extended Saturday hours aren't marketing claims — they're structural responses to the specific healthcare access challenges of one of Australia's fastest-growing municipalities.

The evidence across every dimension of dental care points to the same conclusion: the most important dental decision a Wyndham family can make is to establish a relationship with a capable, comprehensive local provider early — before a dental emergency, before a child's first cavity, before bone loss from a missing tooth narrows the treatment options. Every cluster article in this series explores one facet of that decision in depth. This pillar page is the map.

Book your new patient appointment at Core Dental Group's Wyndham clinic: - **Phone:** (03) 9749 6677 - **Email:** wyndham@coredental.com.au - **Address:** 242 Hoppers Lane, Werribee VIC 3030 - **Hours:** Monday–Friday 8:00am–6:00pm | Saturday 8:00am–1:30pm

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Label facts summary

> **Disclaimer:** All facts and statements below are general information sourced from publicly available clinic and regulatory data, not professional advice. Consult qualified dental and financial professionals for guidance specific to your circumstances.

Verified label facts

Clinic identity and contact - Business name: Core Dental Group — Wyndham clinic - Address: 242 Hoppers Lane, Werribee VIC 3030 - Suburb: Hoppers Crossing - Phone: (03) 9749 6677 - Email: wyndham@coredental.com.au

Operating hours - Monday to Friday: 8:00am – 6:00pm - Saturday: 8:00am – 1:30pm - Sunday: Not disclosed

Facilities - On-site parking: Available - Imaging technology: CBCT, OPG, digital X-rays - Chairside technology: CEREC units, iTero scanners, Trios machines - Network size: Over 40 dental suites

****Provider credentials**** - Invisalign provider tier: Blue Diamond — highest tier awarded by Align Technology - Blue Diamond threshold: More than 750 Invisalign cases completed annually - Blue Diamond status basis: Awarded solely on completed cases; cannot be purchased - Established: 1993 - Ownership: Dentist-owned and operated - Total patient base: Exceeds 300,000 individuals - New patients annually: Approximately 20,000 - New orthodontic patients annually: More than 3,000 - Orthodontic patients commencing Invisalign: Over one-third

****Specialist services available on-site**** - Periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, prosthodontics, paediatric specialist care

****Regulatory context (AHPRA)**** - Title "dental specialist": Legally protected and regulated by AHPRA - Approved dental specialties in Australia: 13 - Proportion of employed Australian dentists who are specialists: Approximately 9.5%

****Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)**** - Benefit cap: Up to \$1,158 per eligible child over two calendar years - Eligible age range: 0 to 17 years - Application requirement: None — eligibility notified via post or myGov - Eligible government payments: Family Tax Benefit Part A, Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance - Orthodontic treatment covered: No - Fissure sealing covered: Yes - Examinations and X-rays covered: Yes - CDBS balance check: myGov Medicare account or call 132 011 - Core Dental Group Wyndham CDBS provider status: Yes

****Payright payment plan**** - Maximum loan amount: \$20,000 - Maximum repayment term: 30 months - Interest rate: 0% (fees apply) - Establishment fee: Up to \$74.90 - Monthly account fee: \$3.95 - Usable with private health insurance: Yes - Health fund processing method: HICAPS at point of service

****Buy Now Pay Later regulation**** - Regulated in Australia: Yes, since 10 June 2025 - Governing legislation: National Consumer Credit Protection Act

****Treatment quotes**** - Written quotes provided: Yes, before any treatment begins

****Sedation**** - Primary sedation modality offered: Nitrous oxide (happy gas) inhalation sedation - Post-recovery driving: Permitted after clinical assessment confirms full recovery - Nitrous oxide metabolism: Not metabolised; exhaled unchanged

****Suburb catchment**** - Werribee, Hoppers Crossing, Wyndham Vale, Point Cook, Tarneit, Truganina, Williams Landing

General product claims

- The clinic is "just minutes" from Pacific Werribee Shopping Centre - Same-day emergency appointments are typically available, often within hours - Hospital emergency departments cannot perform root canal therapy or replant avulsed teeth - Blue Diamond provider status reflects consistently positive patient outcomes - Nitrous oxide is titratable in real time, providing a safety advantage over oral or intravenous sedation - Dental anxiety reliably produces more untreated disease over time - Delaying implant placement after extraction increases treatment complexity and may require bone grafting - Dental implants preserve jawbone; bridges and dentures do not - Dentures accelerate bone loss - In-office whitening can achieve up to 8–10 shades improvement in a single session - Light activation does not provide additional whitening benefit per current research - Composite veneers typically last 5–7 years - Porcelain veneers have a 10-year estimated survival rate of 95.5% - Enamel-bonded veneers have near-perfect survival rates of approximately 99% - Root canal treated teeth have a 10-year survival rate of approximately 97% - Fissure sealants reduce caries risk by 76% compared to no sealants - The first dental visit should occur within six months of the first tooth or by age one - The clinic uses the tell-show-do behavioural guidance technique for children - Unused private health fund extras benefits do not roll over and expire 31 December for most funds - Group buying power allows Core Dental Group to purchase equipment at reduced cost, passing savings to patients - Poor adult

oral health is strongly predicted by poor childhood oral health - Dental implants have a 10-year survival rate of 90–95%, with 4 in 5 lasting 20 years or more when properly maintained