



SMILE PATROL
SCHOOL DENTAL



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**THE DENTAL VAN IS COMING TO
YOUR SCHOOL in 2024!**

INFORMATION SHEET



What do you need to do?

1. Read the Smile Patrol information sheet
2. Complete the online consent form - via QR code link below.

What do we do?

Smile Patrol offers free dental care checks and necessary general treatments to eligible students at school during regular hours through our mobile dental service. Students who qualify under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) can receive various dental treatments, including tooth cleaning, x-rays, fissure sealants, and fluoride application tailored to their specific needs. For a detailed understanding of these treatments, please refer to the dental treatment guide on the next page. Once a check up has been done we will email you a dental treatment care plan.

* (Free - if eligible under the CDBS, Non eligible students will have an option of having treatment that does incur private costs)

What are Dental Treatment Care Plans?

We'll provide you with a dental care plan that outlines the treatment your child received and any additional recommendations, if necessary. This plan will help you stay informed about your child's dental care and guide you on any further steps that may be needed. The plan will be emailed to the email address you provided in the online consent form.

Follow up:

If follow up treatment is needed, we will contact you to obtain informed consent and make recommendations. You are free to follow up with us or with your own dentist.

Do parents, legal guardians, or carers need to attend a student's appointment?

Parents, legal guardians, or carers are welcome to accompany their child during the appointment if they wish. If additional treatment is required, we may request the presence of a parent, legal guardian, or carer during the appointment to ensure clear communication and support.

What if a student has received recent dental treatment?

If a student has recently had dental care, they can still be seen by Smile Patrol. Depending on their individual needs, they may not require x-rays or other preventive services.

Smile Patrol can become the student's regular dental provider, visiting your school annually and more frequently for those students who require it.

Missed the Dental Visit? Don't Worry, We've Got You Covered!

If your child could not be seen on the scheduled day but you still want them to have a check-up, feel free to reach out to us. If we are still at your school, we may be able to arrange another appointment on a different day. In case that doesn't work, we can gladly book your child at our dental clinic in Preston for a convenient visit. We're here to ensure your child receives the dental care they need, even if plans change. Free checkups cannot be guaranteed unless your child is eligible under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS).

Contact information:

Please feel free to give us a call on 0401365123, or email: info@smilepatrol.com.au or visit our website www.smilepatrol.com.au for more information



**Have your medicare card
handy, it only takes 5mins**



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CONSENT FORM HERE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE:

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) offers eligible children aged 0-17 years funding of \$1,095 for preventative dental treatment. This is renewed every 2 calendar years. This service is covered by Medicare, meaning you do not have to pay for it. To learn more, visit <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-dental-benefits-schedule>. You can also check your child's eligibility and CDBS balance through your Medicare online account at [myGov](#), or by calling 132 011.

Smile Patrol will verify your child's eligibility before treatment. Upon an initial examination (88011), the Medicare amounts for each service we may provide are in the table below including Medicare pricing for fissure seals.

Please note that this is a general guide, and for detailed information about your specific situation and services covered, it is advisable to consult with Smile Patrol or visit our website. If there are treatments needed that are not covered we will inform you in the treatment plan so you can follow up with us or your preferred dentist.

Disclaimer: This guide provides general information and should not be considered as legal or medical advice. Please consult the relevant authorities or healthcare professionals for specific details regarding your situation.

Pricing for our services is determined by the Department of Health and is deducted from your Medicare balance. These costs are covered by Medicare, so you do not need to make any payments.

ITEM	SERVICE	BENEFIT
88011	Comprehensive Oral Examination	\$57.65
88012	Periodic Oral Examination	\$47.90
88013	Limited Oral Examination	\$30.10
88111	Removal of plaque/Stain	\$58.90
88114	Removal of calculus -1st visit	\$98.20
88115	Removal of calculus -2nd visit	\$63.85
88121	Topical Remineralisation agents	\$37.85
88022	Periapical or Bitewing X-ray	\$33.35 each
88161	Tooth/Surface / Fissure sealing (first 4)	\$50.45
88162	Tooth Surface/Fissure sealing (Additional services)	\$25.25



COMPLETE THE
ONLINE CONSENT
FORM FOR YOUR
CHILD'S FREE
DENTAL CARE

What dental treatments will be provided and what do they mean?

Dental check-ups or examinations:

A child's dental check-up is an important visit where the dentist examines the child's teeth, gums, and mouth for any issues. It's crucial for parents to prioritize these visits to ensure their child's oral health and prevent dental problems.

Risks: None

X-Rays of teeth:

Dental x-rays are essential for children's oral health, as they help dentists detect tooth decay, evaluate tooth development, identify alignment issues, and create personalized treatment plans.

Risks: Dental x-rays are very safe, with significantly lower radiation levels compared to everyday sources like background radiation, medical diagnostic procedures, and air travel. The controlled doses and protective measures in dental x-rays ensure that the benefits outweigh the minimal radiation risk.

Fluoride application:

Fluoride application to children's teeth is important as it helps strengthen tooth enamel, making it more resistant to decay. It also helps prevent cavities and promotes overall dental health, ensuring children have a strong foundation for lifelong oral well-being.

Risks: Allergies to fluoride are exceptionally rare. However, if the child has allergies to band-aids, rosin, or casein (milk protein), fluoride application may not be possible.

Fissure Sealants

Fissure sealants are important for children's teeth as they protect against cavities by creating a barrier that prevents food and bacteria from getting trapped.

Risks: Allergy to fissure sealants

Tooth Cleaning:

A dental scale and clean involves a thorough cleaning by a dentist to make teeth sparkle and feel fresh. Special tools are used to remove plaque build-up and tartar including those hard-to-reach areas. It's a deep cleaning that promotes dental health and keeps your children's smile shining bright!

Risks: Minimal risk, slight gum trauma or bleeding.

Privacy and Confidentiality

At Smile Patrol, we understand the importance of privacy when it comes to children's medical and dental information. We value your privacy and adhere to all applicable laws and regulations to safeguard your personal information. Protecting your privacy and respecting your rights is of utmost importance to us. As a dental practice, we strictly adhere to the National Privacy Principles outlined in the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and relevant Health Privacy Principles under State legislation. Additionally, we follow all other applicable laws and codes related to the handling of personal information.

To ensure your privacy is maintained, our staff members undergo training to comply with our established standards, policies, and procedures. We regularly review and update our privacy policies to uphold the highest level of privacy protection.