



SMILE PATROL
SCHOOL DENTAL

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Bringing Smiles to Your School:
Mobile Dental Care On the Go!"

INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

1. Read the Smile Patrol information sheet
2. Fill in and sign the forms attached
3. Return the forms to your school.

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.

What are Dental Care Plans?

We'll provide you with a dental care plan that outlines the treatment your child received and any additional treatment recommendations. 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 consent form attached.

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. Please email info@smilepatrol.com.au if you would like to attend. 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 couldn't 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).

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

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 prioritise 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 personalised 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 adhere to strict Australian legal rules and regulations to ensure the confidentiality and protection of your child's sensitive data. Our team is committed to maintaining the privacy and security of all personal information collected during dental examinations and treatments. We only collect and use necessary information for the purpose of providing quality dental care to your child. Rest assured that we have implemented appropriate measures to safeguard your child's medical and dental information in accordance with Australian privacy laws. Your trust in us is of utmost importance, and we strive to maintain the highest standards of privacy and data protection.