

Free Dental Care at School

Sunshine Coast Oral Health Service is pleased to offer free dental care for children within the school environment. Dental clinics and mobile dental vans located at schools ensure convenient and regular access for free dental care.

The Oral Health Service will work with your child's school to advise when dental treatment is available on site. Announcements will be published in the school newsletter and a child oral health consent medical history form will be sent home with your child.

For enquiries in your area phone:

Gympie 5489 8437

Kawana 5438 4200

Noosa 5449 5900

Caloundra 5491 1311

Nambour 5441 2763

Services available

- ✓ Check ups
- ✓ Cleaning
- ✓ Fissure sealants
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fillings
- ✓ Extractions
- ✓ Emergency dental care for toothache or damage to teeth
- ✓ Root canal therapy (conditions apply)
- ✓ Access to specialist services by referral (conditions apply)

We offer free care to children who are

- ✓ Queensland residents or attend a Queensland school and eligible for Medicare
- ✓ And meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - Aged 4 years through until the completion of Year 10
 - Aged 0 – 17 years and eligible for the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule (treatment is bulk-billed to Medicare with parent/guardian consent)
 - Aged 0 – 3 years if dependants of a concession card holder
 - From completion of Year 10 up to 17 years, if dependants of a concession card holder or hold their own concession card.

Good oral health
is important to
general health
and wellbeing!



Frequently asked questions:

What do I do if my child has a toothache?

If your child needs emergency or urgent care, call your closest dental clinic for an appointment.

Where will my child be seen?

Dental care is provided on-site at a school dental clinic or mobile dental van. Some services for children may require attendance at another Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service Public Dental Clinic.

Who will provide dental care to my child?

Oral Health care is provided by teams of oral health staff including Dentists, Oral Health Therapists, Dental Therapists and Dental Assistants.

How will I know when it is my child's turn for dental care?

The Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service Oral Health Team will work with your child's school to inform you when services will be available through a notice in the school newsletter and/or an information letter sent home with your child.

If you would like the Oral Health Service to arrange an appointment for your child, please complete and return the form included in the information letter. Parents and legal guardians will then be contacted directly by the Oral Health Team to arrange a dental appointment.

Will I need to pay for care?

Publicly funded oral health services are provided at no charge.

Do I need to attend dental appointments with my child?

Parents or legal guardians may be required to attend appointments with their children. The Oral Health Team will let you know when you need to attend with your child.

Do I have to wait until my child is offered dental care if I have a concern about my child's teeth?

No, parents can contact the dental facility at any time. The Oral Health Team will talk to you about your concerns and make an appointment if required.

Can my child be seen at a school dental clinic or van if my child doesn't go to school yet?

Yes, If your child is eligible and not enrolled at school yet, contact the closest dental clinic or van to register your child and make an appointment.

Developing good oral health habits can last a lifetime

