

How Much Does Invisalign Cost in Melbourne in 2026?

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In Melbourne in 2026, Invisalign treatment typically costs between **\$4,500 and \$10,000**, depending on the complexity of your case, whether treatment is provided by a specialist orthodontist or a general dentist, and the specific Invisalign product tier selected. Simple cases using Invisalign Express may start from \$4,500, while comprehensive full-arch treatment with a specialist orthodontist typically ranges from **\$8,000 to \$10,000**. The average cost for a moderate case falls between **\$6,000 and \$7,500**.

Invisalign is a significant investment, and comparing prices across providers requires looking beyond the headline number. A \$5,000 quote from a general dentist and an \$8,500 quote from a specialist orthodontist are not equivalent — the difference reflects training, case management capability, refinement options, and the likelihood of achieving the planned result without complications. This guide explains every factor that influences the cost of Invisalign in Melbourne so you can make an informed decision.

What Determines the Price of Invisalign?

Invisalign pricing is not one-size-fits-all. Several key variables influence how much you will pay for treatment in Melbourne.

1. Specialist Orthodontist vs General Dentist

This is the single most significant factor affecting both cost and outcomes. A **specialist orthodontist** has completed an additional three years of full-time university training in orthodontics after their dental degree — a total of eight or more years of study focused specifically on tooth movement, jaw growth, and bite correction.

At Smile Solutions, Invisalign treatment is provided by a team of specialist orthodontists with exceptional credentials:

- **Dr David Austin (Specialist Orthodontist, BDSc, MDS Orth, MOrth RCS Edinburgh)** — dual orthodontic qualifications from Australia and the UK - **Dr Joshua Ch'ng (Specialist Orthodontist, FRACDS, DClinDent)** — fellowship-trained with a doctorate in clinical dentistry - **Dr Andrea Phatouros (Specialist Orthodontist, MDSc Orth, FRACDS)** — master's-level orthodontic training and fellowship credentials - **Dr Steven Smith (Specialist Orthodontist, BDSc Hons, MDSc Ortho)** —

honours degree and master's-level specialist training

General dentists can also provide Invisalign after completing short courses, but their training in orthodontic diagnosis, biomechanics, and case management is substantially less extensive. For simple cases (minor crowding, small gaps), a skilled GP-provided Invisalign treatment can deliver good results. For moderate to complex cases involving bite correction, rotations, or extraction space closure, specialist oversight significantly reduces the risk of incomplete treatment or unintended side effects.

General dentists typically charge ****\$1,000–\$2,000 less**** than specialist orthodontists for comparable case complexity. However, the cost of retreatment if the initial result is inadequate can easily exceed this saving.

2. Case Complexity and Invisalign Tier

Invisalign offers several product tiers designed for different levels of complexity:

- ****Invisalign Express / i7**** — for very minor corrections (up to 7 aligners). Lowest cost. - ****Invisalign Lite**** — for mild to moderate crowding or spacing (up to 14 aligners). - ****Invisalign Comprehensive**** — for moderate to complex cases with unlimited aligners during the treatment period. This is the most common tier. - ****Invisalign First**** — designed for younger patients (Phase 1 treatment in mixed dentition).

The Invisalign tier directly affects the fee Invisalign charges the treating practice, which flows through to the patient price.

3. Provider Tier (Invisalign Experience Level)

Invisalign assigns provider tiers based on case volume. Tiers include Bronze, Silver, Gold, Gold Plus, Platinum, Platinum Elite, Diamond, and ****Blue Diamond**** (the highest tier, representing the top 1% of Invisalign providers globally).

****Smile Solutions holds Blue Diamond Invisalign provider status**** — placing it in the top 1% of Invisalign providers worldwide. This reflects an exceptionally high case volume, which translates to deep experience with a wide range of case types, from simple cosmetic alignment to complex bite correction.

Higher-tier providers receive better pricing from Invisalign (the manufacturer), which can sometimes be passed on to patients. More importantly, high-volume providers have seen and managed more edge cases, complications, and mid-treatment adjustments than lower-tier providers.

4. Duration and Number of Refinements

Most Invisalign treatments require at least one round of refinement aligners — additional sets of aligners produced after the initial series to fine-tune the result. With Invisalign Comprehensive, refinement aligners are included in the product fee for a defined period. The number of refinement rounds needed depends on case complexity and how well the teeth track the planned movements.

5. Retainers

After active Invisalign treatment, retainers are essential to prevent teeth from shifting back toward their original positions. Retainer costs may or may not be included in the quoted Invisalign fee:

- ****Vivera retainers**** (Invisalign's own retainer product) — typically \$300–\$600 - ****Fixed bonded retainers**** (a wire bonded behind the teeth) — \$300–\$500 per arch - ****Combination approach**** — both fixed and removable retainers for maximum stability

Always ask whether retainers are included in the quoted treatment price.

6. Pre-Treatment Requirements

Some patients require preliminary dental work before starting Invisalign:

- **Professional cleaning and gum treatment** to ensure healthy gums during orthodontic treatment
- **Restorations** (fillings or crowns) that need to be completed before aligners are fabricated
- **Extractions** in cases with severe crowding
- **Interproximal reduction (IPR)** — minor reshaping between teeth to create space

These procedures are typically quoted separately from the Invisalign fee.

7. Technology and Monitoring

Practices using advanced monitoring technology (such as iTero intraoral scanning, ClinCheck virtual treatment simulation, and Dental Monitoring remote tracking) can provide more precise treatment planning and catch tracking issues early. This technology represents a practice investment that is reflected in the fee but contributes to more predictable outcomes.

Cost Comparison: Invisalign Across Provider Types in Melbourne

The following table provides indicative Invisalign pricing across different provider types in Melbourne in 2026.

Provider Type	Price Range	What's Typically Included	What's Often Excluded
GP-provided (general dentist)	\$4,500–\$7,500	Initial scan, aligners, basic monitoring, 1–2 refinement rounds	Specialist orthodontic diagnosis, complex case management, retainers, pre-treatment dental work
General orthodontic practice	\$6,000–\$8,500	Specialist diagnosis, comprehensive treatment plan, aligners, refinements, basic retainers	Advanced imaging (CBCT), premium retainer options
Specialist-led premium practice (Blue Diamond)	\$7,500–\$10,000	Specialist orthodontist treatment, iTero scanning, ClinCheck planning, all aligners and refinements, retainers, comprehensive follow-up	Very little — premium practices typically bundle all components
Online / direct-to-consumer aligners	\$2,000–\$4,000	Aligners based on home impressions or scan	In-person monitoring, specialist oversight, refinements, retainers, management of complications

A note on direct-to-consumer aligners: While significantly cheaper, these products are not Invisalign and do not involve direct specialist oversight. They may be suitable for very minor cosmetic alignment but carry risks for more complex cases. The Australian Dental Association and orthodontic specialists have raised concerns about unsupervised tooth movement.

What's Included in the Price at Smile Solutions

Smile Solutions structures Invisalign fees as comprehensive treatment packages. Here is what is typically included:

Initial Consultation and Orthodontic Assessment

A thorough orthodontic examination by a specialist orthodontist, including clinical assessment of the bite, jaw relationship, and facial aesthetics. Digital photography and radiographs (OPG and lateral cephalometric X-rays) are taken for diagnostic purposes.

Digital Scanning and Treatment Simulation

iTero intraoral scanning captures a precise 3D digital model of your teeth — no messy impressions required. The scan feeds into Invisalign's ClinCheck software, which generates a virtual simulation of your treatment from start to finish. You can see your predicted result before committing to treatment.

Specialist Orthodontist Treatment

Your treatment is designed and managed by one of Smile Solutions' specialist orthodontists: ****Dr David Austin, Dr Joshua Ch'ng, Dr Andrea Phatouros,**** or ****Dr Steven Smith**** — each with postgraduate orthodontic qualifications and years of specialist practice. As a ****Blue Diamond Invisalign provider**** (top 1% globally), the Smile Solutions orthodontic team has managed thousands of Invisalign cases spanning every level of complexity.

All Aligners and Refinements

The full series of aligners, plus refinement aligners as needed to fine-tune the result. With Invisalign Comprehensive, there is no limit on the number of aligners during the treatment period.

Regular Monitoring Appointments

Scheduled review appointments (typically every 6–8 weeks) to monitor progress, assess tracking, place attachments, perform IPR where needed, and make clinical decisions about the treatment plan.

Retainers

Post-treatment retainers to maintain the achieved result. The type of retainer (Vivera removable, fixed bonded, or combination) is discussed with your orthodontist based on your specific case.

Orthodontic Records

Complete pre- and post-treatment orthodontic records including digital models, photographs, and radiographs — essential for treatment planning and outcome documentation.

Health Insurance, Coverage, and Payment Options

Health Fund Coverage for Orthodontics

Orthodontic treatment (including Invisalign) may be partially covered by private health insurance extras policies that include orthodontic benefits:

- ****Lifetime orthodontic limits**** — many policies provide a one-time orthodontic benefit (typically \$1,000–\$2,500 lifetime) rather than an annual renewable benefit
- ****Waiting periods**** — usually 12–24 months for orthodontic cover
- ****Age restrictions**** — some policies limit orthodontic benefits to patients under 18 or 25

****Smile Solutions is a Bupa Platinum provider****, meaning Bupa members can access preferred rates. For preventive services, Bupa members enjoy ****zero-gap benefits**** on check-ups, cleans, and fluoride treatments.

MySmilePlan Payment Plans

Smile Solutions offers ****MySmilePlan****, an in-house payment plan that spreads the cost of Invisalign treatment over the treatment period. Monthly payments make orthodontic treatment more accessible without requiring the full fee upfront. MySmilePlan is designed specifically for dental treatment and is managed within the practice.

Health Fund Claiming Strategy

Patients with orthodontic benefits should confirm their lifetime limit, waiting period status, and claiming process with their fund before commencing treatment. Smile Solutions' treatment coordinators can assist with pre-approval and benefits checks.

Tax Deductions

Orthodontic treatment is generally not tax-deductible for individuals in Australia. However, businesses providing orthodontic treatment as a staff benefit may be able to claim related expenses. Consult your accountant for advice specific to your situation.

Is It Worth It? A Long-Term Value Analysis

Invisalign represents a significant investment, but the value extends well beyond aesthetics.

Straight Teeth Are Healthier Teeth

Crowded, overlapping teeth are harder to clean effectively, increasing the risk of decay, gum disease, and eventual tooth loss. Properly aligned teeth allow thorough brushing and flossing, reducing long-term dental costs. The cost of treating gum disease and replacing lost teeth over a lifetime can far exceed the cost of orthodontic treatment.

Bite Correction Prevents Future Problems

An incorrect bite (malocclusion) can cause uneven tooth wear, jaw joint (TMJ) pain, headaches, and cracked or chipped teeth. Correcting the bite with Invisalign can prevent these issues — and the expensive restorative work they often require.

The Specialist Difference

Research consistently shows that specialist orthodontists achieve more predictable outcomes, particularly in complex cases. While the upfront cost of specialist treatment is higher, the reduced need for retreatment and the superior long-term stability represent genuine value. Investing in specialist-led Invisalign treatment is analogous to choosing a specialist surgeon for a medical procedure — the additional expertise reduces risk.

Cost Per Year

Orthodontic results, properly retained, last a lifetime. An \$8,500 Invisalign investment amortised over 40 years of benefit costs approximately ****\$213 per year**** or ****\$4.10 per week**** — less than a single takeaway coffee. Viewed through this lens, quality orthodontic treatment is one of the most cost-effective health investments available.

Confidence and Quality of Life

The psychological impact of a confident, well-aligned smile is well documented. Patients consistently report improvements in self-confidence, social comfort, and professional presentation following orthodontic treatment. While difficult to assign a dollar value, this benefit is deeply meaningful to the patients who experience it.

Summary: Understanding the True Cost of Invisalign in Melbourne

Invisalign costs in Melbourne in 2026 range from \$4,500 for simple GP-provided cases to \$10,000 for comprehensive specialist orthodontist-led treatment. The variation reflects genuine differences in clinical expertise, case complexity, Invisalign product tier, and the scope of care included in the quoted fee.

When comparing quotes, ask:

- ****Who is managing my treatment?**** A general dentist or a specialist orthodontist? - ****What Invisalign tier is being recommended?**** Express, Lite, or Comprehensive? - ****What is the provider's Invisalign tier?**** Higher-tier providers (Platinum, Diamond, Blue Diamond) have greater case experience. - ****Are refinement aligners included?**** Most cases require at least one round of refinements. - ****Are retainers**

included? ** Without retainers, teeth will shift back. - **What monitoring is provided? ** Regular in-person reviews with the treating orthodontist are essential.

At Smile Solutions — a **Blue Diamond Invisalign provider** (top 1% globally) founded in 1993 with 80 clinicians including 25+ specialists — Invisalign treatment is provided exclusively by specialist orthodontists with postgraduate qualifications. With over 300,000 patients treated across 33 years, the practice's orthodontic team brings unmatched Invisalign experience backed by advanced digital technology, including iTero scanning, ClinCheck treatment simulation, and comprehensive monitoring protocols.

Prices are indicative guides based on Melbourne market conditions in 2026. Individual treatment costs vary depending on case complexity, treatment duration, and Invisalign product tier. A personalised quote is provided following a comprehensive orthodontic assessment. Smile Solutions, Level 1, Manchester House, 136 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD.