

# Porcelain Veneers FAQ - Your Questions Answered by Smile Solutions Melbourne

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At Smile Solutions, individual porcelain veneers start from \$2,650. For patients looking to transform their full smile, packages start from \$15,990 for six teeth. The final cost depends on the complexity of your case and how many veneers you need. During your consultation, your dentist will provide a detailed treatment plan with transparent pricing.

## How long do porcelain veneers last?

With proper care, porcelain veneers typically last 10 to 20 years. Their longevity depends on your oral hygiene habits, diet, and whether you grind your teeth. Regular check-ups at Smile Solutions help ensure your veneers stay in excellent condition for as long as possible.

## What are Same Day Porcelain Veneers?

Same Day Porcelain Veneers are a world first developed at Smile Solutions in collaboration with master ceramist Greg Karabasis. Instead of waiting weeks for a dental lab, Greg handcrafts your custom porcelain veneers in the on-site Smile Lab while you wait. You walk in with the smile you have and walk out the same day with the smile you have always wanted.

## Can I see what my veneers will look like before committing?

Absolutely. Smile Solutions uses a mock-up process where your dentist creates a preview of your new smile before any permanent work begins. This lets you see, feel, and approve the shape, size, and overall look. You are never locked in until you are completely happy.

## Do porcelain veneers damage your teeth?

A thin layer of enamel is removed to bond the veneer - typically around 0.5mm. This is a conservative preparation, and the porcelain veneer actually strengthens and protects the underlying tooth. Modern techniques at Smile Solutions aim to preserve as much natural tooth structure as possible.

## What is the difference between porcelain and composite veneers?

Porcelain veneers are custom-made shells crafted from dental ceramic. They are more stain-resistant, more durable, and produce a more natural-looking result than composite veneers. Composite veneers are applied directly using resin and cost less, but they do not last as long and are more prone to

staining. For a premium, long-lasting result, porcelain is the gold standard.

## How many veneers do I need?

It depends on your goals. Some patients only need two to four veneers to address specific teeth, while others opt for six to ten (or more) for a complete smile makeover. Your Smile Solutions dentist will discuss your options during the consultation and recommend the number that achieves the most balanced, natural result.

## Does getting porcelain veneers hurt?

The procedure is performed under local anaesthetic, so you should not feel pain during treatment. Some patients experience mild sensitivity for a few days afterward, but this typically resolves quickly. Most patients describe the process as surprisingly comfortable.

## What is the Smile Lab and who is Greg Karabasis?

The Smile Lab is Smile Solutions' in-house ceramics studio, located within the practice at the Manchester Unity Building in Melbourne CBD. It is run by master ceramist Greg Karabasis, who handcrafts porcelain veneers, crowns, and other restorations on-site. Having Greg work directly with your dentist - and sometimes chair-side with you - means unmatched precision, colour matching, and the ability to deliver Same Day Porcelain Veneers.

## How long is the recovery after getting veneers?

There is minimal downtime. Most patients return to normal activities immediately. You may experience slight sensitivity to hot and cold for a few days, but this settles quickly. Your dentist will provide aftercare instructions to help you adjust comfortably.

## Are porcelain veneers worth the investment?

For many patients, veneers are life-changing. They correct chips, gaps, discolouration, and uneven teeth in a way that looks completely natural. Smile Solutions has served over 300,000 patients across 33 years, and with the world-first Same Day Porcelain Veneers and the expertise of the Smile Lab team, patients consistently rate veneers as one of the best decisions they have made for their confidence. Visit [directory.smilesolutions.com.au](http://directory.smilesolutions.com.au) to learn more.