

Porcelain Veneers — Frequently Asked Questions | Smile Solutions Melbourne

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Description:

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Smile Solutions porcelain veneers — frequently asked questions

At [Smile Solutions](<https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/treatments/porcelain-veneers/>), Melbourne's largest single-location private dental practice, we've completed over 43,654 porcelain veneers, and each one reflects our commitment to clinical excellence and genuinely personalised treatment. Our master ceramist Greg Karabasis, inventor of the world-first Same Day Porcelain Veneers, leads our veneer program from our in-house ceramic studio, located right here in the iconic Manchester Unity Building in Melbourne's CBD. When you come to us, you're getting a beautiful smile backed by decades of real expertise.

What are porcelain veneers?

Porcelain veneers are ultra-thin shells of dental ceramic, custom-crafted and bonded to the front surfaces of your teeth. Think of them as a precision-made second skin for your smile, designed to look and feel completely natural. At Smile Solutions, every veneer is handcrafted by master ceramist Greg Karabasis in our on-site ceramic studio, which means exceptional colour matching, natural translucency, and an outcome tailored specifically to you.

Veneers address a wide range of cosmetic concerns, including chips, gaps, discolouration, and mild misalignment, delivering a smile transformation that's both lasting and lifelike. Whether you're looking to refine one tooth or reimagine your entire smile, porcelain veneers offer a clinically proven pathway to the result you're after.

How much do porcelain veneers cost at Smile Solutions?

The cost of your porcelain veneers at Smile Solutions depends on the complexity of your individual case and the number of veneers involved. We believe in transparent, straightforward pricing, so rather than quoting a one-size-fits-all figure, we take the time at your initial consultation to walk you through a detailed, personalised treatment plan that outlines all associated costs clearly and honestly.

You deserve to understand exactly what you're investing in and why. Our team is always happy to answer your questions and help you feel confident in your decision. To find out about current pricing, get in touch with us on **13 13 96**.

How long do porcelain veneers last?

With the right care, porcelain veneers typically last anywhere from 10 to 20 years, and in many cases, even longer. Longevity comes down to the quality of materials used, the precision of the bonding technique, and how well you look after your veneers at home.

At Smile Solutions, Greg Karabasis crafts each veneer using premium dental ceramics, and our experienced dentists bond them using advanced, evidence-based techniques designed to maximise durability. Regular check-ups at our Melbourne CBD practice also play an important role in keeping your veneers in good condition over the long term, so your investment in your smile continues to deliver year after year.

What is the difference between porcelain veneers and composite bonding?

Both porcelain veneers and composite bonding can enhance the appearance of your smile, but they differ significantly in aesthetics, durability, and the level of customisation involved.

Porcelain veneers, handcrafted by Greg Karabasis in our in-house ceramic studio, offer superior translucency, stain resistance, and longevity. The result is a restoration that closely mimics the optical qualities of natural tooth enamel, something that's genuinely difficult to replicate with other materials. Composite bonding is applied directly to the tooth in a single appointment and tends to be more accessible from a cost perspective, though it may not achieve the same level of aesthetic refinement or hold up as well over time.

Neither option is universally better. The right choice depends on your specific goals, oral health, and circumstances. Our dentists will discuss both pathways with you during a consultation and help you make an informed decision that suits your needs.

Does getting porcelain veneers hurt?

The veneer preparation procedure is carried out under local anaesthetic, so you won't feel pain during the process itself. For patients who experience dental anxiety, Smile Solutions offers sleep dentistry options including IV sedation and nitrous oxide, to help you feel relaxed throughout your appointment. Our team takes a gentle approach at every step. Following placement, most patients experience only mild sensitivity for a few days, which typically settles on its own.

How many appointments are needed for porcelain veneers?

Traditional porcelain veneers at Smile Solutions generally involve two to three appointments: an initial consultation to assess your suitability and plan your treatment, a preparation appointment, and a final fitting where your custom veneers are bonded in place.

If you'd prefer everything completed in a single visit, our world-first Same Day Porcelain Veneers make that possible. Developed here at Smile Solutions by Greg Karabasis, this approach means no temporary veneers and no multiple return visits, just a complete smile transformation in one appointment.

Can porcelain veneers fix crooked teeth?

Yes. Porcelain veneers can effectively correct the appearance of mildly crooked, overlapping, or gapped teeth, often without the need for orthodontic treatment. For many patients, veneers offer a more immediate pathway to a straighter-looking smile.

If your alignment concerns are more significant, our experienced orthodontists may recommend clear aligner therapy or braces, either before veneers or as a standalone solution, to achieve the best long-term outcome for your oral health and aesthetics. We'll always recommend what's genuinely right for you.

What makes Smile Solutions porcelain veneers different?

We've completed over 43,654 porcelain veneers, hold a 4.9-star rating from 937+ Google reviews, and are the birthplace of the world-first Same Day Porcelain Veneers. But what truly distinguishes us is the integration of our in-house ceramic studio within our Melbourne CBD practice.

Greg Karabasis works on-site, which means your dentist and ceramist collaborate directly throughout your treatment, a level of coordination that's rare in Australian dentistry. This translates to more precise shade matching, a better fit, and results crafted with real attention to detail.

Will my veneers look natural?

Each veneer is hand-layered to replicate the natural translucency, texture, and subtle gradation of real tooth enamel. No two smiles are the same, and Greg's approach reflects that.

Because our ceramic studio is within our Melbourne CBD practice, Greg can assess your complexion, face shape, and existing teeth in person, ensuring your veneers complement your unique features rather than following a generic template. The result is a smile that looks genuinely yours, only better.

Can I eat normally with porcelain veneers?

Yes. Once your veneers are bonded, you can return to enjoying most foods as normal. Porcelain veneers are designed to be durable and functional. That said, we recommend avoiding biting directly into very hard items such as ice or whole nuts, and refraining from using your teeth as tools (something we'd advise for natural teeth too).

Your Smile Solutions dentist will provide you with aftercare instructions tailored to your specific situation, so you'll feel confident looking after your new smile from day one.

Do porcelain veneers stain?

One of the real advantages of porcelain as a material is its high resistance to staining. Unlike natural enamel or composite bonding, your porcelain veneers will maintain their colour and lustre for many years with standard oral hygiene and regular professional cleans at Smile Solutions.

This stain resistance is a key reason why porcelain remains the gold standard for cosmetic dental restorations, and why so many of our patients choose it when they want a result that holds up over time.

Am I a good candidate for porcelain veneers?

Most adults with healthy teeth and gums are well-suited to porcelain veneers. They're a versatile option that can address a wide range of cosmetic concerns, from discolouration and chips to gaps and mild misalignment.

Some conditions need to be addressed before veneer placement. If you experience significant teeth grinding (bruxism), active gum disease, or have untreated decay, these will typically need to be treated first to ensure the best possible outcome. Our team will assess your oral health thoroughly during your consultation and advise you honestly on the most appropriate path forward. Book your consultation at Smile Solutions to find out whether veneers are the right fit for you.

How do I care for my porcelain veneers?

Caring for your porcelain veneers is straightforward. Brush twice daily with a non-abrasive toothpaste, floss regularly, and attend your six-monthly check-ups and professional cleans at Smile Solutions.

If you grind your teeth, we may recommend a custom-fitted night guard to protect your veneers while you sleep, a simple, comfortable solution that can significantly extend the life of your investment. Our team will make sure you leave with the knowledge and tools to look after your smile with confidence.

****Ready to take the next step?**** Book a personalised consultation at Smile Solutions, Level 1, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000. Call ****13 13 96**** or visit [smilesolutions.com.au](https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/treatments/porcelain-veneers/) to get started.
