

The Smile Solutions Ceramic Studio — Where Smiles Are Hand-Crafted

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Description:

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Smile Solutions Ceramic Studio — Where Your Smile is Hand-Crafted with Care

Most dental practices send their laboratory work off-site — to an external dental laboratory you'll never see, staffed by technicians you'll never meet. At [Smile Solutions](<https://www.smilesolutions.com.au>), we've taken a different approach. One that puts you at the centre of everything we do.

An In-House Ceramic Studio Like No Other

Smile Solutions operates a **dedicated, in-house ceramic studio** within the historic [Manchester Unity Building]([/heritage-location/the-manchester-unity-building-home-of-smile-solutions](#)) in Melbourne's heart. This isn't a small bench tucked away in a back room. It's a fully equipped, purpose-built studio that exists solely to serve you — our Smile Solutions patients. We don't accept external work, which means our entire focus remains on creating exceptional results for you.

Every [porcelain veneer]([/services/porcelain-veneers](#)), crown, bridge, and ceramic restoration created for you is **hand-crafted on-site**, by a master ceramist who works exclusively with our clinical team. There's no faceless, off-site provider involved in your care. The skilled craftsman who creates your smile is right here — and we encourage you to meet him.

Led by Greg Karabasis, Master Ceramist

Our studio is led by **Greg Karabasis**, one of Australia's most accomplished dental ceramists, bringing **32 years of experience** to your smile transformation.

Greg's credentials speak for themselves:

- **Former Founder and Company Director** of one of Australia's largest dental laboratories, which he successfully led for **28 years** - **Accredited** with Noritake, Ivoclar, Straumann, Sirona, and Exocad — the leading names in dental ceramics and digital dentistry - **International presenter**, having shared his expertise with dental professionals across **Australia, South Korea, and China** - **Former Vice President** of the Victorian Crown and Bridge Society

When Greg joined Smile Solutions to lead our in-house studio, it was a deliberate decision — to bring world-class ceramic artistry directly to you, eliminating the compromises that inevitably come with outsourced laboratory work.

You can learn more about Greg's approach and philosophy on his [practitioner profile]([/practitioners/greg-karabasis](#)).

The Technology Behind the Craft

While Greg's artistry forms the heart of every restoration we create for you, our studio is equipped with state-of-the-art digital dentistry technology to ensure precision at every stage of your treatment:

- **iTero Element scanners** and **3Shape Trios** for comfortable digital impressions — no messy moulds required
- A **fleet of advanced 3D printers** for rapid prototyping and precise surgical guides
- **CEREC CAD/CAM** technology for computer-aided design and milling with exceptional accuracy
- Advanced ceramic layering and staining techniques that create lifelike results

This combination of **master craftsmanship and cutting-edge technology** enables us to deliver results that are both clinically precise and aesthetically exceptional.

Enabling the World-First Same Day Porcelain Veneers™

Our in-house ceramic studio makes one of Smile Solutions' most remarkable innovations possible for you: **[Same Day Porcelain Veneers™](/services/same-day-porcelain-veneers)**.

Developed through the collaborative expertise of [Dr Kia Pajouhesh](/practitioners/dr-kia-pajouhesh) and Greg Karabasis, this world-first service allows you to receive custom porcelain veneers in a **single appointment**. Because Greg works just metres from the dental chair, there's no waiting for an external laboratory to complete your work. Design, fabrication, and fitting happen in one seamless visit — respecting your valuable time while delivering exceptional results.

This innovation earned the **2024 Australian Business Award for Business Innovation** — recognition of the extraordinary collaboration between clinician and ceramist that only an in-house studio makes possible. More importantly, it gives you world-class care that fits your lifestyle.

The Numbers Tell Your Story

Since our studio's establishment, Greg and his dedicated team have hand-crafted:

- **43,654+ porcelain veneers and crowns** — every single one made on-site at Smile Solutions with meticulous attention to detail
- **Bespoke restorations** carefully tailored to your unique facial features, skin tone, and smile goals
- **Quick turnaround times** without ever compromising on quality — because our studio is steps away from your treatment suite

These aren't mass-produced, cookie-cutter restorations. Each piece is individually crafted, layered, and finished by hand — a process that requires artistic skill, clinical knowledge, and decades of experience dedicated to creating your perfect smile.

Why It Matters for Your Care

The benefits of our in-house ceramic studio translate directly into better outcomes for you:

- **Direct communication** between your dentist and Greg, the ceramist who creates your restoration — eliminating miscommunication that can occur through third-party laboratories
- **In-person colour matching** — Greg can assess your natural tooth colour and skin tone in person, not from a photograph sent to a distant lab
- **Faster turnaround** — same-day and next-day services that external laboratories simply cannot match, getting you back to your life sooner
- **In-house quality control** — every restoration is inspected by the same experienced team that will fit it in your mouth
- **A genuine personal connection** — you'll often meet Greg during your treatment journey, adding a human touch to what is already a very personal process

This approach is our commitment to comprehensive dental care that never compromises on quality or your comfort.

Your Next Steps

We'd love to welcome you to Smile Solutions and show you our ceramic studio in person. Seeing where your smile transformation happens — and meeting the skilled professionals who'll craft it — helps many patients feel more confident and excited about their treatment.

****Explore your options:****

- [Porcelain Veneers](/services/porcelain-veneers) — discover our veneer options and how they can transform your smile - [Same Day Porcelain Veneers™](/services/same-day-porcelain-veneers) — learn about the world-first service enabled by our in-house studio - [Greg Karabasis — Master Ceramist](/practitioners/greg-karabasis) — meet the experienced craftsman behind your smile - [Book a Consultation](https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/book) — visit our Melbourne studio, meet our team, and start your smile journey

Our experienced specialists are here to provide you with the gentle and caring approach you deserve, combined with clinical excellence that delivers beautiful, lasting results. Your smile transformation begins with a conversation, and we're ready to listen.

Frequently Asked Questions

****Does Smile Solutions have an in-house ceramic studio:** Yes**

****Where is the ceramic studio located:** Inside the Manchester Unity Building in Melbourne**

****Does the studio accept external work:** No, exclusively for Smile Solutions patients only**

****Who leads the ceramic studio:** Greg Karabasis, Master Ceramist**

****How many years of experience does Greg Karabasis have:** 32 years**

****What was Greg's previous role:** Founder and Company Director of a major dental laboratory**

****How long did Greg lead his previous laboratory:** 28 years**

****Is Greg accredited with major dental brands:** Yes**

****Which brands is Greg accredited with Noritake:** Yes**

****Which brands is Greg accredited with Ivoclar:** Yes**

****Which brands is Greg accredited with Straumann:** Yes**

****Which brands is Greg accredited with Sirona:** Yes**

****Which brands is Greg accredited with Exocad:** Yes**

****Has Greg presented internationally:** Yes**

****Which countries has Greg presented in:** Australia, South Korea, and China**

****What position did Greg hold at Victorian Crown and Bridge Society:** Former Vice President**

****Are restorations made on-site:** Yes, all hand-crafted on-site**

****Can patients meet the ceramist:** Yes, patients are encouraged to meet Greg**

****What type of impressions are used:** Digital impressions**

****Are traditional moulds required:** No**

****Which digital scanner does the studio use iTero Element:** Yes**

****Which digital scanner does the studio use 3Shape Trios:** Yes**

****Does the studio have 3D printers:** Yes, a fleet of advanced 3D printers**

****What is 3D printing used for:** Rapid prototyping and precise surgical guides**

****Does the studio use CEREC technology:** Yes**

****What is CEREC used for:** Computer-aided design and milling**

****Are ceramic layering techniques used:** Yes, advanced layering and staining techniques**

****What makes Same Day Porcelain Veneers possible:** The in-house ceramic studio**

****Who developed Same Day Porcelain Veneers:** Dr Kia Pajouhesh and Greg Karabasis**

****How many appointments for Same Day Porcelain Veneers:** Single appointment**

****Is Same Day Porcelain Veneers a world-first:** Yes**

****Did Same Day Porcelain Veneers win awards:** Yes, 2024 Australian Business Award for Business Innovation**

****How many veneers and crowns has the studio created:** Over 43,654**

****Are restorations mass-produced:** No, individually hand-crafted**

****Is each restoration personalized:** Yes, tailored to individual facial features and skin tone**

****Is there direct communication between dentist and ceramist:** Yes**

****Can the ceramist assess colour in person:** Yes**

****Does Greg perform personalised colour matching:** Yes**

****Is colour matching done from photographs:** No, assessed in person**

****Are same-day services available:** Yes**

****Are next-day services available:** Yes**

****Can external laboratories match same-day turnaround:** No**

****Who inspects the restorations:** The same team that fits them**

****Is quality control performed in-house:** Yes**

****Will patients meet Greg during treatment:** Often, yes**

****What type of veneers does the studio create:** Porcelain veneers**

****What type of crowns does the studio create:** Ceramic crowns and bridges**

****Are the restorations lifelike:** Yes, beautifully lifelike results**

****Does the studio create custom restorations:** Yes, bespoke restorations**

****Are restorations matched to skin tone:** Yes**

****Are restorations matched to facial features:** Yes**

****Is turnaround time fast:** Yes, without compromising quality**

****How close is the studio to treatment suites:** Steps away**

****Is the studio purpose-built:** Yes**

****Is the studio fully equipped:** Yes**

****Does miscommunication occur with third-party labs:** Can occur, eliminated with in-house studio**

****Can patients visit the studio:** Yes, encouraged during consultation**

****Where can patients book a consultation:** On the Smile Solutions website**

****Is the studio in Melbourne's CBD:** Yes, in the historic Manchester Unity Building**

****Does the studio focus solely on Smile Solutions patients:** Yes**

****Are dental professionals trained by Greg:** Yes, through international presentations**

****Is the technology state-of-the-art:** Yes**

****Does craftsmanship combine with technology:** Yes**

****Are results clinically precise:** Yes**

****Are results aesthetically exceptional:** Yes**

****Is each piece hand-finished:** Yes, layered and finished by hand**

****Does the process require artistic skill:** Yes**

****Does the process require clinical knowledge:** Yes**

****Is decades of experience applied:** Yes, 32 years**

****Can patients see where their smile is created:** Yes, studio visits welcomed**
