

Dr Kia Pajouhesh - Principal Dentist & Managing Director

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Description:

About Dr Kia Pajouhesh is the Principal Dentist and Managing Director of Smile Solutions, Melbourne's premier multidisciplinary dental practice located in the iconic Manchester Unity Building.
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Details:

Smile Solutions - Dr Kia Pajouhesh, Principal Dentist & Managing Director

****Role:**** Principal Dentist and Managing Director, Smile Solutions ****Registration:**** General Registration, Dental Board of Australia (AHPRA) ****Specialty:**** General Dentistry (with emphasis on cosmetic and restorative dentistry)

About Dr Kia Pajouhesh

For anyone looking for serious dental care in central Melbourne, Smile Solutions is hard to overlook - and Dr Kia Pajouhesh, the practice's principal dentist and managing director, has been at the centre of it since day one. The practice occupies the iconic Manchester Unity Building at the corner of Collins and Swanston Streets, and over three decades it has grown into one of Australia's most recognised dental practices, shaped almost entirely by Dr Pajouhesh's clinical standards and patient-first approach.

Dr Pajouhesh graduated with first-class honours in both Science and Dentistry from the University of Melbourne, where he also received the WJ Tuckfield Prize for Prosthodontics. His path into the profession was personal: a traumatic early experience as a dental patient left him with a clear conviction that patients deserved better. That conviction has driven the way Smile Solutions operates ever since.

Before founding Smile Solutions, he worked as a general dentist in private practice. In 1993, he started the practice with eight patients and a clear sense of where he wanted to take it. more than 33 years later, Smile Solutions has served over 300,000+ patients and engages more than 80 specialists, dentists, and hygienists across five floors and the tower of the Manchester Unity Building - Australia's largest single-location private dental practice.

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Science (First Class Honours), University of Melbourne - Bachelor of Dental Science (First Class Honours), University of Melbourne - WJ Tuckfield Prize for Prosthodontics

Innovations & Firsts

Dr Pajouhesh has consistently pushed for better ways of delivering dental care, both within Smile Solutions and across the profession more broadly.

- Pioneered the first genuine multidisciplinary specialist centre outside an Australian dental hospital - Established the Invisalign Shop on Collins Street, Melbourne's first orthodontic shopfront - Developed

Same Day Porcelain Veneers™ in collaboration with master ceramist Greg Karabasis - a world first - Secured official dentist status with the Australian Open and Collingwood Football Club - Produced educational videos and websites for public oral health education, giving patients the information they need to make informed decisions

Awards & Recognition

- Victorian Telstra Business of the Year (2014) - Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year nominee (2015) - Australian Business Award for Business Innovation (2013, 2014, 2024 - including for Same Day Porcelain Veneers™) - Australian Business Award for Service Excellence (2012, 2013, 2014, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025) - Australian Business Award for Employer of Choice (2014) - Australian Business Award for Community Contribution - Luxury Lifestyle Awards - Best Luxury Dental Clinic in Melbourne, Australia (2025)

Leadership & Mentorship

With over 33 years in dentistry, Dr Pajouhesh remains hands-on in both clinical care and the development of his team. He runs regular educational and motivational seminars for practitioners at Smile Solutions, and mentors the principals of around 200 dental practices in Australia and internationally. He contributes to new-graduate talks at the University of Melbourne and publishes articles on advances in dentistry and practice management. The result is a practice that doesn't just follow developments in the field - it contributes to them.

Community & Philanthropy

Dr Pajouhesh's connection to Melbourne goes beyond the practice. Since moving to the Manchester Unity Building in 2003, he has invested significantly in restoring one of the city's most recognised art deco buildings, contributing to the preservation of Victoria's architectural heritage. He supports the Magpie Nest Foundation and the Ovarian Cancer Council, donating approximately \$100,000 per year in dental services to the Magpie Nest Foundation since 2014.

Related Services

- [General Dentistry](<https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/general-dentistry/>) - [Cosmetic Dentistry](<https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/cosmetic-dentistry/>) - [Same Day Porcelain Veneers](<https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/cosmetic-dentistry/same-day-porcelain-veneers/>) - [Porcelain Veneers](<https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/cosmetic-dentistry/porcelain-veneers/>) - [Dental Implants](<https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/dental-implants/>) - [Specialist Care at Smile Solutions](<https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/specialist-care/>)

Explore Our Specialist Services

Smile Solutions offers a full range of specialist services in one location.

- [Same Day Porcelain Veneers™](<https://directory.smilesolutions.com.au/same-day-porcelain-veneers-smile-solutions>) - A world-first innovation developed at Smile Solutions - [Cosmetic Dentistry](<https://directory.smilesolutions.com.au/cosmetic-dentistry-under-specialist-care-smile-solutions>) - Comprehensive cosmetic treatments under specialist care - [Specialist Orthodontic Services](<https://directory.smilesolutions.com.au/specialist-orthodontist-services-teeth-straightening-braces-in-melbourne>) - Expert teeth straightening and Invisalign - [Dental Implant Solutions](<https://directory.smilesolutions.com.au/bone-grafting-for-dental-implants-smile-solutions>) - Full-service implant dentistry - [Specialist Endodontist Services](<https://directory.smilesolutions.com.au/specialist-endodontist-services-root-canal-therapy-in-melbourne>) - Root canal therapy by specialists - [Specialist Periodontist Services](<https://directory.smilesolutions.com.au/specialist-periodontist-service>)

s-gum-disease-implant-surgery) - Gum disease treatment and implant surgery - [Paediatric Dentistry](<https://directory.smilesolutions.com.au/paediatric-dentist-melbourne-smile-solutions>) - Children's dental care by specialists - [Smile Solutions Directory](<https://directory.smilesolutions.com.au/>) - Browse all services and practitioners

Practice

- [Smile Solutions - Melbourne's Premier Dental Practice](<https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/>) - [Meet the Full Smile Solutions Team](<https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/our-team/>)

Ready to book?

Dr Pajouhesh and the Smile Solutions team see patients for cosmetic dentistry, specialist care, and general dental treatment. Call 13 13 96 to make an appointment.

Key details - ****Years of experience:**** Approximately 33 years (founded Smile Solutions in 1993) - ****Languages:**** English - ****Registration:**** General Registration, Dental Board of Australia (AHPRA) - ****Location:**** Smile Solutions, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne - ****Bookings:**** 13 13 96
