

Stunning smiles with Crowns and Bridges

Crowns and bridges are both artificial devices that unlike dentures are permanent additions to your mouth.

Both are attached to your natural teeth or to an implant and can only be removed by a dentist.

Dental crowns and bridges are a great solution for people who have missing teeth or to restore a tooth that has had root canal treatment or is broken or weakened by decay.

What are dental Crowns?

A crown is also known as a 'cap' as it encases the tooth's surface, restoring it to its original size and shape. A crown offers your tooth protection and strength.

A porcelain crown will last you many years with the appropriate oral hygienic practices and regular check ups with your dentist.

When is a crown required?

- For cosmetic reasons
- To restore a tooth which cannot be fixed with a **filling, inlay or onlay**
- To cover a tooth which had a root canal treatment
- As a part of a **dental implant** to replace a missing tooth

CEREC saves you time

With modern dental technology, the crown procedure is no longer a two-appointment treatment. The use of **CEREC technology**

allows us to make dental restorations matching your natural tooth colour in a single appointment.

Bridges

A bridge is used to replace one or more missing teeth.

A traditional bridge is made up of a natural-coloured porcelain tooth which is fused to metal and attached to your existing teeth.

How are bridges attached?

A bridge is attached to your natural teeth on either side of the gap. Your natural teeth (or implants) will be covered by crowns and are known as 'anchor' teeth.

The prosthetic tooth or teeth are used to fill in the empty space between your anchor teeth.

How long will a crown or bridge last?

With good oral hygiene, your crown or bridge can last a lifetime. By keeping your gums and teeth healthy with regular flossing and brushing as well as keeping up your regular dental check ups and professional cleanings your crown or bridge should last many years.

Learn more at our **Crowns and Bridges** webpage or contact us on **3856 2144** to make an appointment to discuss the options, pros and cons and costs of the treatments available for your situation.