



Auckland Regional Dental Service

Information for Parents/Caregivers/Adolescents

Adolescent Oral Health Service (09-839-0565 – Option 1)

General Information

Free dental treatment is available for all eligible adolescents, enrolled with the service, from Year 9 (Form 3) until their 18th birthday. This service is **free** regardless of whether the young person is still at school or college, working, on a training scheme or unemployed.

Auckland Regional Dental Service encourages all new high school students to take this opportunity.

All Year 8 children will be automatically enrolled with a dental provider if they are enrolled with the school dental service. If you wish to change the dental provider your child is enrolled with please contact your local dental therapist or contact **09 839 0565 (option 1)** and we will be pleased to change this for you.

Questions and Answers

When can I enrol for free adolescent dental treatment?

The school dental therapist at your school dental clinic will enrol your child with the adolescent oral health services when they are in Year 8 but only if they are enrolled with the school dental service and attend the clinic during their time in Year 8. Anytime after that, you can contact 09 839 0565 for help in finding a dentist who provides free dental treatment to adolescents or visit our website www.ards.co.nz.

Is all dental treatment free?

Basic dental services are provided free. This does not include orthodontic treatment and treatments related to accidents. ACC will normally cover the treatment costs related to accidents.

Please note that **not** all white fillings are free. Check with your dentist first to see if you have to pay for this service. There will not be any reimbursement for any dental fees paid to the dentist. If you are uncertain about what treatment is free, please discuss with your dentist before treatment commences.

How will I know which dentists have a contract to provide free dental treatment?

Please request from your dental therapist a list of dentists in your area who have a contract to treat adolescents. You can also choose from the list of mobile dental providers listed on the back of this page. Please contact us on 09 839 0565 and we will assist you in finding a contracted dentist or you can visit www.ards.co.nz where a list of adolescent dental contractors is available.

What if my dentist does not have a contract with a DHB?

The dental services provided by this dentist will not be free.

What if I do not wish to receive free dental treatment?

If you prefer to pay to attend your own private dentist please notify your school dental therapist. This will avoid unnecessary follow-up from Auckland Regional Dental Service.

Please Note

It is important that your appointment is kept. Please notify your dentist ahead of time in case you can't attend the appointment. Some dentists may charge you for the lost time if you have not notified them earlier. The dentist may also ask you to attend another practice if you fail to attend your appointment on two or more occasions. The adolescent dental benefits will not cover any costs incurred due to failure to attend.

The following mobile dental providers attend schools throughout the Auckland Region. If you wish to attend a mobile provider and your school is on the list below, please contact us on 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583) and we will help with your enrolment with one of these providers.

Lumino Care Dental Tel: 0274-886-841	Smilecare Tel: 09-262-2022	West Auckland Mobile Dental Service Tel: 021-958-259
Albany Junior High School	Alfriston College	Avondale College
Albany Senior High School	Aorere College	Henderson High School
Auckland Girls Grammar	Auckland SDA High	Kelston Boys High
Birkenhead College	Baradene College	Kelston Girls
Carmel College	Botany Downs Secondary College	Liston College
Dilworth College	Clover Park Middle	Massey High School
Epsom Girls Grammar	De La Salle College	Rutherford College
Glenfield College	Edgewater College	St. Dominics College
Green Bay High School	Howick College	Waitakere College
Kaipara College	James Cook High	
Long Bay College	Kia Aroha College	Raukura Hauora O Tainui Tel: 09-263-8040
Lynfield College	Mangere College	
Marist College	MacLeans College	Manurewa High School
Michael Park	McAuley High	Destiny School
Mt. Albert Grammar	Marcellin College	
Northcote College	Mission Heights Junior College	
One Tree Hill College	Mt Roskill Grammar	
Pinehurst School	Onehunga High	
Rangitoto College	Ormiston College	
Sacred Heart College	Otahuhu College	
Selwyn College	Pakuranga College	
St. Marys College	Papakura High	
St. Pauls College	Papatoetoe High	
St. Peters College	Pukekohe High	
Takapuna Grammar	Rosehill College	
Tamaki College	Sancta Maria College	
Western Springs College	Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate	
Westlake Boys High	Southern Cross	
Westlake Girls High	Tangaroa College	
Whangaparaoa College	Tuakau College	
	Waiuku College	
	Wesley College	