Children are all smiles after a visit to Happy Dental

Why is child dental health so important? As children grow and develop, so do their teeth. It's therefore extremely important for your children to visit a dentist, such as Happy Dental, to check the placement and eruption patterns of the adult teeth coming through.

Adult teeth often come through into the mouth with deep grooves on the biting surface which can trap bacteria and develop decay, as it can be hard to brush properly. At times, fissure seals would be recommended to avoid decay –this is a very simple painless procedure that protects the teeth from cavities as they continue to form.

From two years old, Happy Dental recommends visiting the dentist for an introduction and a quick look. Happy Dental works with the children's abilities to make it a fun experience, rather than a daunting one – as many adults fear their own dental visits.

Making dental visits a positive experience can encourage patients to get regular check-ups that can help prevent problems occurring down the track.

Many people don't realise that children aged from infants to 17 may be eligible for $1026 of dental treatment through Medicare, known as the Child Dental Benefit Schedule (CDBS).

Happy Dental makes parents and guardians happy as well, with bulk billing and no gap payment for all eligible children.

Happy Dental is a small, welcoming and most of all friendly team who will make yours and your child's dental visit as fun and as comfortable as possible. With a television screen to play your child's favorite show, time for a ride in the dental chair, and a little gift or toy at the conclusion of their appointment, your child will be asking to visit the dentist again in no time!

Getting your child used to the dentist early in life can establish a regular dental health routine and familiarity with a dentist's office. (Supplied)

Happy Dental is located at 116 Shannon Avenue, Geelong West. For more information, visit www.happydental.com.au or phone (03) 5229 6668 to check whether your child is eligible for free dental work.

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