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News at Pymble Dental Practice



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Accreditation Success

Pymble Dental Practice has again succeeded in becoming accredited through QIP, a third party who assess the quality of a practice, their procedures and infection control standards on behalf of the Australian Dental Association. This latest Accreditation has been a much more involved and comprehensive process than the previous two occasions we have achieved the status. The process is not mandatory for dental practices in Australia, although we believe it should be, as it is an excellent (yet rigorous) way to endure we are offering the best practices in the safest manner to our patients.

Parking

Our lovely new location is on the corner of Grandview Street and Station Street. Our parking bay is entered from the Station street side, whilst we have a wheelchair entrance (with no steps) from the Grandview Street side. Both the carpark and wheelchair access points are easy to navigate with new signage.

Happy gas

Happy gas, or nitrous oxide, is a colourless, odourless gas that can provide temporary and reversible 'sedation' and comfort. For patients who require more anxiety busting techniques than just a calm environment and local anaesthetic, happy gas is a safe and reliable way to overcome fear. Our surgeries are plumbed with Nitrous Oxide and we have invested in a more subtle and comfortable system which seats neatly over the nose. Whilst modern dentistry is much gentler than ever before, we encourage the use of all technologies to enable a more comfortable visit.

The Rugby World Cup

The rugby World Cup is a timely reminder that dental trauma is relatively common, so some simple advice on what to do if a tooth is knocked out is helpful. More information can always be found on our website.

What to do if you've knocked out a tooth:

- Keep calm.
- Find the tooth and pick it up by the crown (the white part). Avoid touching the root.
- If the tooth is dirty, wash it briefly (max 10 seconds) under cold running water and reposition it.
- Try to put the tooth back into its socket (the hole where it came from).
- Once the tooth is back in place, bite on a handkerchief to hold it in position.
- If this is not possible, place the tooth in a glass of milk or sterile saline if available.
- The tooth can also be transported in the mouth, keeping it inside the lip or cheek if the patient is conscious.
- Avoid storage in water!



Kind regards,
Dr David Farrington

