

News from Pymble Dental Practice

As a patient of Pymble Dental Practice we wish to thank you for allowing us to care for you and your teeth. It hasn't been the easiest two years with the obvious disruptions, but your support has allowed us to help care for more patients like yourself as the practice grows. We welcome the chance to also care for your friends and family.

Our Team

The practice now comprises 3 Dentists and 2 Oral Health Therapists (OHTs), as well as our wonderful support staff. We are proud of our growing team and culture, as well as their individual strengths and expertise. All three of our dentists have completed further postgraduate studies in either Oral Surgery/Implants (Dr Farrington), or; Prosthodontics (Drs Lehane and Elliott). They share the same ethical values when it comes to treatment ideology, and regularly converse about difficult cases to gain perspective from one another. Whilst we always recommend seeing the same dentist for your continual care, if an emergency happens you can be rest assured that one of the 3 dentists will be available to step in.

Kristy Dunn and Teigan Barnfield (OHTs), have joined the team to allow us to better care for the health of our patients' oral health and gum conditions. Kristy and Teigan work in conjunction with our dentists to carry out regular maintenance hygiene (scale and polish), periodontal (gum disease) treatments, as well as helping us take care of our younger patients. They both have a wealth of orthodontic knowledge, having both been working with well-regarded Orthodontists before coming to Pymble Dental Practice.

Accreditation and Infection Control



The Practice has again succeeded in becoming re-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. We were one of the first practices in the Northern Suburbs to achieve this in 2014.

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 ensure we are offering the best practices in the safest manner to our patients. This has been particularly pertinent with the threat of COVID-19 in the community. As recently as 2 weeks ago

our staff were audited and educated by an in-house infection control trainer from the ADA (*pictured*).

Technology

Before this current lockdown the practice took another step into the future by acquiring an “intra-oral scanner”. This machine helps by taking a painless and quick 3D render of your teeth to help us keep comprehensive records, diagnosis of cracks and decay, and allows us to perform treatments with a higher degree of accuracy.

Three of the commonest uses for the scanner are now well incorporated into the practice.

1. Invisalign teeth straightening

Allows us to immediately visualise how your teeth would look if we were to straighten them using Invisalign.

2. Replaces the impression for crowns and splints.

We can send a digital impression to the lab of our choice to have crowns, splints and other prostheses made.

3. Helps plan implant surgery and fabricating 3D printed surgical guides

We can marry your scan to a CT scan of the jaws to fabricate a surgical template used during an implant surgery for increased safety, accuracy and a making it a shorter surgery (which means better recovery)

We have also been using the machine to help us discuss our patients’ overall dental health and how to better care for your own teeth at home.

