

Dr Angel Babu

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Details:

Collins Street Specialist Centre — Dr Angel Babu **Specialist Paediatric Dentist** DCLinDent — Paediatric Dentistry (Otago)

Clinical expertise

Dr Angel Babu is a specialist paediatric dentist who trained at the University of Otago in New Zealand, home to one of the Southern Hemisphere's most respected specialist paediatric dental programmes. She brings extensive clinical experience from both Australia and New Zealand, with a particular focus on children who present with medical complexity, special needs, or significant dental disease — cases where sedation or general anaesthesia is needed to deliver safe, effective care.

Dr Babu sees children from birth through to 18 years, and her clinical scope is genuinely broad:

- **Paediatric dentistry for all ages** — from infant oral health assessments through to complex adolescent cases across the full developmental spectrum
- **Behaviour management** — evidence-based approaches including tell-show-do, positive reinforcement, and distraction techniques, each tailored to a child's developmental stage and individual needs
- **Dental trauma** — assessment and management of avulsed teeth, luxation injuries, crown fractures, and root fractures in both primary and permanent dentitions
- **Sleep-related dental problems** — oral appliances and targeted dental management for children with sleep-disordered breathing
- **High caries risk management** — intensive prevention protocols and restorative management for children affected by severe early childhood caries
- **Hypomineralisation (chalky teeth)** — specialist management of Molar Incisor Hypomineralisation (MIH) and other enamel development defects, where teeth form with weakened or discoloured enamel
- **Medically compromised and special needs children** — collaborative care alongside paediatricians and medical specialists for children with complex health histories
- **Treatment under general anaesthesia (GA)** — comprehensive dental rehabilitation in a hospital setting for children who cannot cooperate in the dental chair
- **Oral sedation and nitrous oxide (laughing gas)** — conscious sedation options for anxious or complex presentations that don't require a full general anaesthetic

Dr Babu holds dual registration as a specialist in both Australia and New Zealand, which reflects the depth of her training and her standing on both sides of the Tasman.

Training and clinical background

Dr Babu completed her Doctorate of Clinical Dentistry (DCLinDent) in Paediatric Dentistry at the **University of Otago, New Zealand**, a specialist programme well regarded for its clinical depth, hospital-based training, and research foundations.

Before joining Collins Street Specialist Centre, she worked as a **Senior Dental Registrar** at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Victoria's tertiary paediatric hospital and one of the largest paediatric dental services in Australia. Prior to that Melbourne appointment, she spent three years as a paediatric dentist in New Zealand, building a solid clinical foundation across a range of patient presentations and healthcare settings.

She is registered as a Specialist Paediatric Dentist with both the **Dental Council of New Zealand** and the **Dental Board of Australia**. Her specialist credentials are independently verifiable through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) public register.

Languages spoken

Dr Babu consults in **English**, and also speaks **Malayalam** and **Hindi**. For families from Kerala and across the Indian subcontinent, this means they can navigate their child's dental care in a language they're comfortable in — something that genuinely matters when managing anxious children or explaining complex treatment decisions.

Referring to Dr Babu

Dr Babu practises within the Paediatric Dentistry service at Collins Street Specialist Centre, located at Level 8, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD.

Her experience with medically complex, anxious, and special needs children makes her well suited to cases that go beyond routine paediatric dental management. Referring practitioners, including paediatricians, general practitioners, and general dentists, are welcome to contact the practice directly to talk through complex or unusual presentations before making a formal referral.

No referral is required to book an appointment. Specialist credentials are independently verifiable through the AHPRA public register.