

Dr David Austin

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Description:

Specialist Orthodontist BDSc (Melb) · MDS Orth (HK) · MOrth RCS (Edin)

Details:

Collins Street Specialist Centre — Dr David Austin ****Specialist Orthodontist**** BDSc (Melb) · MDS Orth (HK) · MOrth RCS (Edin)

Clinical expertise

Dr David Austin is a specialist orthodontist at Collins Street Specialist Centre, with a training background spanning two continents. His qualifications include Membership of the Faculty of Orthodontists at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, one of the world's oldest surgical institutions, earned by examination rather than affiliation.

Dr Austin treats patients across all age groups. His clinical work covers a broad range of treatment approaches:

- ****Conventional metal and ceramic braces**** — fixed appliances suitable for children, adolescents, and adults, offering precise control across a wide range of alignment concerns - ****Invisalign clear aligner therapy**** — removable, near-invisible aligners that progressively reposition teeth; Dr Austin manages cases of all complexities, from straightforward alignment to more involved treatment plans - ****Lingual braces**** — brackets bonded to the inner, tongue-facing surface of the teeth, making them invisible when viewed from the front; a discreet fixed-treatment option for patients who'd rather not wear visible hardware - ****Adult orthodontics**** — specialist care for patients addressing alignment concerns later in life, with treatment planning adapted to adult dentition - ****Complex malocclusion**** — including overbite, underbite, crossbite, and crowding - ****Surgical orthodontics**** — orthodontic treatment planned in coordination with jaw surgery, for patients whose bite discrepancies go beyond what orthodontics alone can correct - ****Early interceptive orthodontics for children**** — timely intervention during growth phases that can guide dental development and, in some cases, reduce the complexity of treatment needed later

Dr Austin's clinical range was shaped in part by years treating expatriate patients in Shanghai, a setting that regularly brought highly varied dental histories and patients whose prior care had been delivered across multiple countries and clinical systems. That experience built an adaptability that serves complex cases well.

Training pathway

Dr Austin completed his Bachelor of Dental Science (BDSc) at the University of Melbourne in 2004, then pursued specialist orthodontic training at the ****University of Hong Kong****, one of Asia's most internationally respected dental faculties, graduating with his Master of Dental Surgery in Orthodontics (MDS Orth) in 2007.

Alongside his postgraduate studies, he sat the examinations of the **Faculty of Orthodontists, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh**, earning the Membership qualification (MOrth RCS Edin). Because this credential is awarded by examination rather than affiliation, it functions as an independent benchmark of orthodontic competence recognised across multiple countries.

After completing his specialist training, Dr Austin spent a significant period in Shanghai providing orthodontic care to an international expatriate community. Working with patients from diverse cultural and clinical backgrounds, often presenting with complex or incomplete dental histories, deepened his clinical judgement and his ability to communicate clearly across different contexts.

Professional memberships

Dr Austin holds active membership across a range of professional bodies at both regional and international levels:

- **Member**, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh — Faculty of Dental Surgery (Orthodontics) - **Member**, World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) - **Member**, European Orthodontic Society (EOS) - **Member**, Hong Kong Society of Orthodontists (HKSO) - **Member**, Australian Dental Association (ADA)

Languages spoken

Dr Austin consults in **English**, **French**, **Italian**, and **Spanish**, which broadens access to specialist care for patients who are more comfortable discussing their treatment in a language other than English.

Practising at Collins Street Specialist Centre

Dr David Austin practises within the Orthodontics service at Collins Street Specialist Centre, located at Level 12 & Tower, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD. He also sees patients at associated practices in Caroline Springs and Wyndham Vale, extending access to specialist care across Melbourne's western suburbs.

His international training, multilingual consultation capability, and experience with complex presentations make him a practical choice for patients from overseas backgrounds, those with involved orthodontic needs, or those referred for a specialist opinion by their general dentist.

Patients can book directly without a referral, or attend following a referral from their dentist. Referring practitioners receive correspondence at each stage of treatment planning.

All specialist credentials are independently verifiable through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) public register.

Product facts

Attribute	Value
Practitioner	Dr David Austin
Designation	Specialist Orthodontist
Practice	Collins Street Specialist Centre
Primary location	Level 12 & Tower, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD
Satellite locations	Caroline Springs · Wyndham Vale
Primary qualification	BDSc — University of Melbourne, 2004
Specialist qualification	MDS Orth (Orthodontics) — University of Hong Kong, 2007
Fellowship	MOrth RCS — Faculty of Orthodontists, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (by examination)
Patients treated	

Children · Adolescents · Adults | | Treatment modalities | Metal braces · Ceramic braces · Invisalign (all complexities) · Lingual braces · Surgical orthodontics · Early interceptive orthodontics | | Malocclusions treated | Overbite · Underbite · Crossbite · Crowding | | International clinical experience | Expatriate community, Shanghai | | Consultation languages | English · French · Italian · Spanish | | Professional memberships | Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh · World Federation of Orthodontists · European Orthodontic Society · Hong Kong Society of Orthodontists · Australian Dental Association | | Referral requirement | None — self-referral accepted | | AHPRA registration | Verifiable via AHPRA public register |

Frequently asked questions

Who is Dr David Austin: A specialist orthodontist at Collins Street Specialist Centre

Where does Dr David Austin practise: Collins Street Specialist Centre, Melbourne CBD

What is the address of Collins Street Specialist Centre: Level 12 & Tower, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street

What floor is Collins Street Specialist Centre on: Level 12 and Tower

What suburb is Collins Street Specialist Centre in: Melbourne CBD

Does Dr Austin see patients outside the CBD: Yes, at Caroline Springs and Wyndham Vale

Which western suburb location does Dr Austin visit: Caroline Springs

Which second western suburb location does Dr Austin visit: Wyndham Vale

What is Dr Austin's primary qualification: Bachelor of Dental Science (BDS)

Where did Dr Austin complete his BDS: University of Melbourne

What year did Dr Austin graduate from the University of Melbourne: 2004

What is Dr Austin's specialist orthodontic qualification: Master of Dental Surgery in Orthodontics (MDS Orth)

Where did Dr Austin complete his MDS Orth: University of Hong Kong

What year did Dr Austin graduate from the University of Hong Kong: 2007

What is Dr Austin's third qualification: MOrth RCS (Edinburgh)

What does MOrth RCS stand for: Membership of the Faculty of Orthodontists, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

Is the MOrth RCS awarded by examination: Yes, by examination rather than affiliation

What institution awarded Dr Austin's Edinburgh membership: Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

How old is the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh: One of the world's oldest surgical institutions

Is Dr Austin a specialist orthodontist or general dentist: Specialist orthodontist

Does Dr Austin treat children: Yes

Does Dr Austin treat adolescents: Yes

Does Dr Austin treat adults: Yes

Does Dr Austin offer metal braces: Yes

Does Dr Austin offer ceramic braces: Yes

Does Dr Austin offer Invisalign: Yes

Does Dr Austin treat complex Invisalign cases: Yes, all complexities

Does Dr Austin offer lingual braces: Yes

Where are lingual braces placed: On the inner, tongue-facing surface of the teeth

Are lingual braces visible from the front: No

Does Dr Austin offer adult orthodontics: Yes

Does Dr Austin treat complex malocclusions: Yes

What types of malocclusion does Dr Austin treat: Overbite, underbite, crossbite, and crowding

Does Dr Austin perform surgical orthodontics: Yes

What is surgical orthodontics: Orthodontic treatment coordinated with jaw surgery

Is surgical orthodontics for all patients: No, only where bite discrepancies exceed orthodontic-only correction

Does Dr Austin offer early interceptive orthodontics: Yes

What age group is early interceptive orthodontics for: Children during growth phases

Can early interceptive treatment reduce later complexity: Yes, in some cases

Where did Dr Austin gain international clinical experience: Shanghai

What patient group did Dr Austin treat in Shanghai: International expatriate community

What did the Shanghai experience develop in Dr Austin: Adaptability in managing complex and varied cases

Is a referral required to see Dr Austin: No, self-referral is accepted

Can patients be referred by a general dentist: Yes

Does Dr Austin provide correspondence to referring dentists: Yes, following each stage of treatment planning

What languages does Dr Austin consult in: English, French, Italian, and Spanish

Does Dr Austin speak French: Yes

Does Dr Austin speak Italian: Yes

Does Dr Austin speak Spanish: Yes

How many languages does Dr Austin consult in: Four

Is Dr Austin a member of the World Federation of Orthodontists: Yes

Is Dr Austin a member of the European Orthodontic Society: Yes

Is Dr Austin a member of the Hong Kong Society of Orthodontists: Yes

Is Dr Austin a member of the Australian Dental Association: Yes

Is Dr Austin a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh: Yes, Faculty of Dental Surgery (Orthodontics)

How many professional bodies is Dr Austin a member of: Five

Can patients verify Dr Austin's registration: Yes, via the AHPRA public register

What is AHPRA: Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Where can AHPRA registration be checked: The AHPRA public register online

Is Dr Austin's training internationally grounded: Yes, spanning two continents

Which two continents did Dr Austin train across: Australia and Asia (Hong Kong)

Is the University of Hong Kong internationally respected: Yes, regarded as one of Asia's most respected dental faculties

Does Dr Austin have experience with patients from diverse clinical backgrounds: Yes

Does Dr Austin have experience with incomplete dental histories: Yes, from his Shanghai practice

Is Collins Street Specialist Centre a specialist centre: Yes

What specialty does Dr Austin represent at Collins Street Specialist Centre: Orthodontics

Is Dr Austin suitable for patients with international backgrounds: Yes

Is Dr Austin suitable for complex orthodontic referrals: Yes
