

Dr David Austin

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Details:

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Clinical expertise

Collins Street Specialist Centre welcomes Dr David Austin, a specialist orthodontist whose training took him across two continents and includes Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh — one of the world's oldest surgical institutions, and a credential earned by examination rather than application.

Dr Austin treats patients of all ages. His clinical work covers the full range of orthodontic presentations, from straightforward alignment to cases requiring surgical coordination:

- ****Conventional metal and ceramic braces**** — effective and versatile for children, adolescents, and adults
- ****Invisalign clear aligner therapy**** — a removable, near-invisible alternative to fixed braces, available for mild through to complex cases
- ****Lingual braces**** — bonded to the inner, tongue-facing surface of the teeth, so completely invisible from the front
- ****Orthodontic treatment for adults**** — addressing alignment, spacing, and bite concerns that may have been present for years or developed over time
- ****Management of complex malocclusion**** — including overbite, underbite, crossbite, open bite, and significant crowding or spacing
- ****Surgical orthodontics**** — treatment planned in coordination with jaw surgery (orthognathic surgery), for patients whose bite discrepancy can't be fully corrected with orthodontics alone
- ****Early interceptive orthodontics for children**** — catching developing problems at a stage when treatment is generally simpler and more effective

A period working in Shanghai, providing orthodontic care to an international expatriate community with widely varied dental histories, gave Dr Austin a clinical adaptability that serves complex and diverse presentations 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****, earning his Master of Dental Surgery in Orthodontics (MDS Orth) in 2007.

Concurrently, he achieved the ****Membership of the Faculty of Orthodontists, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh**** (MOrth RCS Edin) — awarded by examination and recognised internationally as an independently assessed standard of orthodontic competence.

After completing his formal training, Dr Austin spent a significant period in Shanghai delivering specialist care to an international expatriate population. Working across a broad range of patient presentations, dental backgrounds, and cultural contexts, that experience continues to shape how he approaches complex case management.

Professional memberships

- 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 means patients from Melbourne's multicultural community, or those from international backgrounds, can discuss their treatment in whichever language they're most comfortable with.

At Collins Street Specialist Centre

Dr 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 consults at associated practices in Caroline Springs and Wyndham Vale, making specialist care more accessible for patients across Melbourne's western suburbs.

Referring practitioners are welcome to send both straightforward and complex orthodontic cases. His surgical orthodontic experience, international training, and multilingual capability make him a practical choice for patients who need coordinated care with oral and maxillofacial surgeons, periodontists, or restorative specialists.

Patients can self-refer or attend with a referral from their general dentist. All specialist credentials are independently verifiable through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) public register, and patients are encouraged to check this when selecting a specialist provider.
