

Name of service/Department	PROSTHODONTICS
Brief description of service/department	<p>The Department of Prosthodontics provides:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comprehensive diagnostic and treatment planning services for missing teeth and for loss of tooth structure due to caries, trauma, abrasion, attrition, erosion, developmental anomalies and periodontal destruction 2. Inlays, onlays, veneers, crowns and fixed bridges 3. Removable partial and full dentures at a specialist level 4. Advanced direct-placement restorative treatments 5. TMJ therapies e.g. use of splints 6. Implant crowns in support of the University of Sydney post-graduate training program in Periodontics 7. Intra-oral maxillo-facial prosthodontics
Important information for Patient/How to prepare for your visit to our department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some treatments require the use of local anaesthetics. It makes parts of your body feel numb or asleep and stops you feeling pain when you are having work done on your teeth and gums. If you have any worries after having a local anaesthetic, please contact your dentist or doctor as soon as possible. • We issue splints to prevent grinding of teeth at night, to reduce painful jaw joints, to reduce muscle pain, to protect the teeth and to maintain the teeth in one position. When the splint is given to the patient they are always be issued with written instructions on splint usage, maintenance and cleaning • On your first visit, the dentist or prosthodontist takes an impression of your upper and lower teeth to make a permanent record of their appearance and how they fit when your jaws are together. • To improve function, appearance and speech we replace missing teeth with crowns and bridge. An artificial crown is often the best way to save a tooth and strengthen it. It fits over the prepared existing tooth and replaces the natural crown, while bridges replace one or more missing teeth. They consist of an artificial tooth anchored to the adjacent natural teeth. • There are strict criteria for offering treatment and unfortunately long waiting lists due to large demand.
Additional Information	<p>Prosthodontic department provides our patient with applicable brochures such as disorders of the jaw joint, bruxism, crowns and bridges, dental implants and information for use and care of occlusal (bite) splints</p>