

13 Marshland Road Shirley Christchurch 8061

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Dear Parent,

If your teen is aged between 13 and 17 they are eligible for free basic dental services under Lumino's FREE Teen Dentistry program, supported by the Ministry of Health.

#### Basic services include:

- Examinations
- Radiographs (if required)
- Preventative treatment such as fluoride application and fissure sealants
- Root canal fillings
- Extractions (but not orthodontic extractions)
- Oral health education and encouragement to continue good oral health
- Restorative treatment

Lumino Shirley Dental is conveniently located on 13 Marshland Road just a 5 minute walk from Shirley Boys High School opposite The Palms shopping Mall.

Please phone 03 385 2310 to enrol your teen in this service.

If you have any questions or would like more information please feel free to contact me on 03 365 767 or email anne.friend@lumino.co.nz

Warm Regards

Anne Friend Practice Manager

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# Who is eligible for the Free Adolescent Service?

From Year nine or 13 years old, until their 18th birthday all children regardless of whether they are working or studying are eligible. Many parents and children are unaware of this free service. Dental check ups can be an anxious time for some, by making sure your child receives their regular examination it eliminates the fear of the unknown.

# How many free visits is my child eligible for?

Children in New Zealand are entitled to one free check up per calendar year. If there is another problem like a tooth ache during the year, they are able to make another free appointment, where the tooth ache will be assessed.

### What's involved in my child's free dental appointment?

When your child sees a dental therapist you can expect, an examination of your child's mouth, scaling, prophylaxis (cleaning) treatment when required, oral health education and orthodontic referrals if required. If any orthodontic treatment is required this is not free.

# Do all dental practices offer free adolescent dentistry?

No, the practice must have an adolescent contract with the District Health Board.

### What happens when my child turns 18?

When your child turns 18 dental treatment in New Zealand is no longer free.

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