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Invisalign Cost? A comprehensive Invisalign quote should cover: Initial records: Digital scans (iTero), photographs, and possibly x-rays ClinCheck treatment plan: A 3D digital simulation showing the planned tooth movements from start to finish All aligner sets: Including refinement aligners if your teeth need fine-tuning after the initial series Attachments: Tooth-coloured bumps bonded to certain teeth to help the aligners grip and move teeth more effectively IPR (interproximal reduction): Gentle reshaping between teeth to create space for alignment, if needed Retainers: Usually one set of Vivera retainers (Invisalign's own retainer system) All review appointments: Typically every 6 to 8 weeks throughout treatment Watch out for quotes that exclude: Retainers (these can cost \$500 to \$800 separately) Refinement aligners Attachment placement and removal X-rays and initial records A separate "treatment planning fee" A low headline price that excludes several of these components may end up costing more than a higher all-inclusive quote.

Why Does Invisalign Cost Vary So Much Between Clinics? Even within the same treatment tier, prices differ across Melbourne. Here's why:

1. Provider experience and Diamond status Invisalign categorises providers by volume: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond, and Apex. Higher-tier providers treat more cases annually, which generally translates to more experience handling complex situations and better clinical outcomes. This matters because Invisalign is only as good as the clinician programming the movements. The aligners are tools. The treatment plan – which teeth move when, how much force to apply, where to place attachments – is where clinical skill makes the difference.
2. General dentist vs specialist orthodontist This is perhaps the most significant factor in both cost and outcomes. General dentist: \$4,000 to \$7,000 depending on the tier. Many GPs deliver excellent Invisalign results, particularly for straightforward cases. Specialist orthodontist: \$5,500 to \$9,500. Orthodontists have completed an additional three years of full-time postgraduate training specifically in tooth movement, jaw development, and bite correction. The difference matters most in complex cases. If you have a significant overbite, underbite, crossbite, or open bite alongside crowding, a specialist orthodontist has the training to address the bite relationship as well as the alignment. A general dentist may straighten the teeth beautifully but miss or inadequately treat the underlying bite issue. At Smile Solutions, we have specialist orthodontists on our team of over 80 clinicians. For simple alignment cases, our experienced general dentists deliver outstanding Invisalign results. For complex bite corrections, our orthodontists bring specialist expertise that makes a measurable difference.
3. Practice overheads and technology Clinics with advanced scanning technology (iTero Element 5D), dedicated orthodontic teams, and comprehensive monitoring systems invest significantly in delivering a premium experience. This is reflected in pricing but also in the quality of care and the predictability of results.

Invisalign vs Braces: Cost Comparison The cost of Invisalign is broadly comparable to traditional braces for equivalent complexity. The decision between them usually comes down to lifestyle preferences, compliance considerations, and the specific clinical requirements of your case. If you're weighing up your orthodontic options, here's how Invisalign compares to traditional braces in Melbourne.

Brace Type	Cost Range	Visibility	Fixed/Removable	Dietary Modifications	Adjustment Appointments	Speech Impact	Provider Availability	Best For
Traditional metal braces	\$5,000 to \$8,000	Visible	Fixed	Requires dietary modifications	Every 4 to 6 weeks	Can affect speech initially	Limited	Most effective for complex cases
Ceramic (tooth-coloured) braces	\$6,000 to \$9,000	Less visible than metal	Fixed	Slightly more fragile than metal brackets	Similar to metal	Can affect speech initially	Limited	Good for mild to moderately complex cases
Lingual braces (behind the teeth)	\$8,000 to \$13,000	Completely hidden	Fixed	Can affect speech initially	Limited provider availability	Excellent for mild to moderately complex cases	Increasingly effective for complex cases with experienced providers	
Invisalign	\$2,500 to \$9,500 depending on tier	Nearly invisible	Removable	Removable for eating, brushing, and flossing	Requires patient compliance (20-22 hours per day wear)	Excellent for mild to moderately complex cases	Increasingly effective for complex cases with experienced providers	

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