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help to realign them by changing their size and shape with the chosen restorative material. Surgery to reshape or reposition the jaw which is most often done in conjunction with orthodontic treatment. Any type of malocclusion will usually be diagnosed initially by your general dentist , who will then advise you of the suitable treatment options and, if needed, will refer you to an appropriate specialist (usually an orthodontist, at least at first). Early detection of malocclusion may help reduce the length and severity of the treatment needed to correct the problem. Articles from Dr Yasmin Coulthard View Blogs All Dr Yasmin Coulthard 19 Jun 2014 The benefits of holistic dentistry Read More All Dr Yasmin Coulthard 9 Apr 2014 What is bruxism and how is it managed? Read More All Dr Yasmin Coulthard 27 May 2013 Dental Health and General Wellbeing Read More All Dr Yasmin Coulthard 19 Jun 2014 The benefits of holistic dentistry Read More All Dr Yasmin Coulthard 9 Apr 2014 What is bruxism and how is it managed? Read More All Dr Yasmin Coulthard 27 May 2013 Dental Health and General Wellbeing Read More All Dr Yasmin Coulthard 19 Jun 2014 The benefits of holistic dentistry Read More All Dr Yasmin Coulthard 9 Apr 2014 What is bruxism and how is it managed? Read More All Dr Yasmin Coulthard 27 May 2013 Dental Health and General Wellbeing Read More View Blog Call Us 13 13 96 Location Level 1, 220 Collins Street Manchester Unity Building, Melbourne VIC 3000 Hours Of Service Monday – Friday: 8.00am – 6.00pm Saturday: 8.30am – 1.30pm Sunday: By Appointment Our Services General Dentistry Cosmetic Dentistry Orthodontics Specialist Care Dental Implants Children's Dentistry Emergency Dentistry Why Choose Us Our Team Media Awards Careers Technology Location Holistic Dentistry Quick Links Contact Us Articles Packages & Offers Dental Payment Plans Understanding Your Treatment Sitemap Privacy Policy Copyright © Smile Solutions. All Rights Reserved. This site is protected by reCAPTCHA and the Google Privacy Policy and Terms of Service apply. Close Our Services General Dentistry Dental Cleans and Hygienists Wisdom Teeth Emergency Dentistry Root Canal Tooth Fillings Chipped or Cracked Teeth Snoring & Sleep Apnoea TMD & Teeth Grinding Sport Mouthguards Dental Anxiety Cosmetic Dentistry Porcelain Veneers & Crowns Same Day Porcelain Veneers™ Composite Bonding Professional Teeth Whitening CEREC Restorations Invisalign® No Braces All-on-4® Dental Implants Gummy Smile Complimentary Cosmetic Consultation Orthodontics Invisalign No Braces Orthodontic Braces Children's Braces and Invisalign Jaw Surgery Dental Implants All-on-4® Dental Implants Conventional & Immediate Implants Dental Bridges Bone Grafting For Implants Dentures Specialist Care Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Prosthodontists Orthodontists Periodontists Endodontists Paediatric Dentists Complex Dentistry Children's Dentistry First Visit To The Dentist Children's Dental Emergencies Children's Braces and Invisalign Child Dental Benefit Schedule Kids Teeth Cleaning Tips Why Choose Us Our Team Our Location Technology Awards Holistic Dentistry Before After Gallery Payment Plans Packages & Offers Contact Us Call Us 13 13 96 Close Smile Solutions AI Assistant ■ Hello! I'm here to help you with questions about Smile Solutions. How can I assist you today? Popular questions: What services does Smile Solutions offer? How can I contact Smile Solutions What are your business hours? ■■ × 0 /1000 Contact Us Call Us 13 13 96 Location Level 1, 220 Collins Street Manchester Unity Building, Melbourne VIC 3000 Hours Of Service Monday – Friday: 8.00am – 6.00pm Saturday: 8.30am – 1.30pm Sunday: By Appointment Close Book Now