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What is the difference between composite veneers and porcelain veneers? Veneers are used to improve the look and strength of your teeth, especially of those visible in our smile line. They can mask discolouration, change the shape of teeth, restore chipped enamel, and even correct minor crowding or spaces between your teeth. If you are considering to improve the aesthetics and function of your smile through veneers, it is important to know the difference between the two available materials, porcelain and composite, in order to make the right choice for you.

What are composite veneers? Composite veneers are made by placing composite resin directly on your teeth by your dentist. They can be placed with minimal to no removal of tooth structure. This procedure is the more cost-efficient alternative; however, this material can be prone to taking up stains and normally lasts for approximately 5 years before it requires replacing.

What are porcelain veneers? Porcelain veneers are hand crafted by our in-house ceramicist outside of your mouth prior to placement. Porcelain veneers most closely resemble the colour and shine of a natural tooth and are the most durable material option. These types of veneers are made especially for you and you can be fully involved in designing the shape, colour and overall look of the veneer. Porcelain veneers rarely stain and can last for around 15 years. To obtain tailored professional advice, book in a consult with your dentist to discuss what veneer option will work best for you. Results, recovery times and potential risks vary for each individual and procedure. The information provided here is general in nature and intended for those over the age of 18. Undergoing any dental or cosmetic procedure is a significant decision, and patients should seek independent advice from a qualified, AHPRA-registered practitioner before proceeding. Further details about this procedure, including potential risks, can be found here .

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