Crown & Bridgework

A combination of crowns and bridges can be used to effectively reconstruct your smile giving you full function and improving the shape and colour of your teeth.

As discussed in the restorative section of this website, a crown is used to restore a tooth and a bridge is used to replace a missing tooth.

In most areas of the mouth where aesthetics are important, crowns and bridges can be made of porcelain. Porcelain is strong and can be made to match the colour of your natural teeth.

Treatment Explanation - On your first visit, we will take an impression of the upper and lower teeth to make a permanent record of your appearance and how you teeth fit together when your jaws are closed (known as occlusion). To make an accurate reproduction of your upper and lower teeth, a jaw shaped tray is filled with a soft gel-like material, pushed onto your teeth and held in place to set for three to five minutes.

Crowns - Performed using a local anaesthetic, the tooth is shaped using a drill, reducing it by 1-2 millimetres.

After shaping, another more accurate impression is taken to record changes to the prepared tooth. The impressions are sent to a dental technician that will make the crown according to dentist’s specifications.

Bridges - The teeth on either side of the gap are shaped by drilling. These teeth are fitted with crowns that serve as anchors for the replacement tooth that is attached to the framework of the adjacent crowns.

Treatment Time - You will require at least 2 appointments for preparation and fitting of a crown or bridge.