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Without an initial consultation with a specialist orthodontist, it's near impossible to determine the cost of your treatment. Each case differs from one to the next and there's no 'one size fits all' price.

The cost will vary depending on the treatment type (such as metal or ceramic braces, lingual braces, or clear aligners), duration and the individual orthodontist. Fees may also be higher if any other appliances are required in conjunction with braces, such as expansion plates, anchorage implants or bite-correcting springs. As a rough guide, a standard 18-month treatment plan can cost between:

Metal/Ceramic braces

\$5,000 - \$9,000



Invisalign/Clear aligners

\$3,500 - \$8,000



Lingual braces

\$7,500 - \$12,500



What are you paying for?

One of the expenses the orthodontic fee will cover is the cost of the braces as well as any custom-made equipment. Braces themselves are quite intricate, with three parts that work together to achieve noticeable results:

Brackets

are attached to the individual teeth with a special glue and are made from surgical-quality stainless steel or tooth coloured ceramics

Archwire

links each bracket and is used to guide the teeth into place

Ligature elastics

or bracket "gates" - locks the archwire into the brackets



Did you know?

Most orthodontists are happy to provide all-inclusive treatment quotes, including the initial fitting of the braces and regular adjustment visits, to the removal of braces, the cost of retainers and follow-up appointments. That way there are no hidden expenses along the way, and many orthodontists offer payment plans to help you spread out the cost.

What is covered?

While braces aren't covered under Medicare, you may be entitled to claim a portion of the treatment cost back from your health fund. Every case is different though, so it's important to check with your fund prior to starting treatment.

What is the long term benefit of investing in orthodontics?

Orthodontic treatments are a positive investment in the future health and happiness of you and/or your child. A confident smile not only has the potential to be your best and most memorable asset, but can also prevent the hassle and financial stress of additional treatment further down the track.

