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Has your child’s smile been on holidays too?

Ensure your child has a smile on their dial for 2016, with a visit to the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service’s school dental van or clinic.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service, Director of Oral Health, Dr Elaine Mawdsley, says school students from prep through to year 10 are eligible for free dental care during a school visit from one of our dental vans or clinics.

“Our school dental teams are highly skilled and experienced in treating children, and understand that a dental appointment can be an anxious time for children and their parents,” Dr Mawdsley said. The focus is on prevention and parents are encouraged to access care for their children before there is a problem.

“Having a regular dental check-up is important to help prevent small problems turning into big ones. Getting kids used to coming along for a dental visit can help set-up positive life-long habits,” Dr Mawdsley said.

“The dental team will have a good look at your child’s teeth and gums to make sure they are healthy. They particularly look out for how any new adult teeth are developing and for any tricky spots the toothbrush might be missing.”

Where possible, children of school age are offered an appointment by the dental service at least once a year. Parents can also call to book an appointment at one of 25 facilities across the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service.

“We encourage family involvement, siblings can be seen at the same time, and having a parent or guardian present helps to involve them in their child’s dental care,” Dr Mawdsley said.

“Arranging an appointment is easy. When the van visits your child’s school, return the form that comes home with them, alternatively, you are welcome to see the friendly staff to arrange an appointment at a van or clinic in your local area.”

To arrange an appointment please refer to the contact information on the attached flyer.

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