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309 Keilor Road, North Essendon, Victoria 3041

Phase 1 Orthodontic Treatment Consent Form

1. It is understood that this is the first phase of a two phased comprehensive orthodontic treatment, which prepares the teeth and jaws for the final, second phase of treatment. Should the final phase not be started at the appropriate time in the future, then the treatment completed may be compromised.

The orthopaedic stage can take between 9 to 18 months, and will make the 2nd Stage Treatment much easier. In other words your children will need to wear fixed braces on their adult teeth for less time. Occasionally, after 1st Stage of treatment has been completed no further orthodontic treatment may be necessary, but this only happens in about one in 20 patients.

2. As a rule, successful orthodontic treatment results can only be achieved with **TOTAL PATIENT COOPERATION**.

To help achieve the most successful results, the patient must do the following:

- a) Keep regularly scheduled appointments.
- b) Practice good oral hygiene, including brushing, flossing, etc.
- c) Wear orthodontic appliances as indicated
- d) Wear elastics if necessary.
- e) Eating proper foods so as not to dislodge the appliance (brackets, bands).
- f) Wear retainers if needed

If your child is unwilling or unable to cooperate limited results will occur. If the child does not understand the need for treatment or does not themselves buy in to the process treatment will be a failure. This is why it is important you go through all this information with your child and discuss the treatment and commit as necessary. We tend to get better cooperation from a child who understands his or her problem and is enthusiastic for treatment.

3. Repair of a broken appliance or replacement of an appliance incurs additional costs.

4. Six Monthly Maintenance visits with our Hygienist are needed to maintain good oral health.

5. The total time required to complete treatment may exceed our estimate. Excessive or deficient bone growth, poor oral hygiene or poor cooperation in wearing an appliance the required hours per day, broken appliances and missed appointments can lengthen the treatment time, affect the quality of the results and increase the cost of treatment.

6. Mouthguards are recommended for contact sports to protect the child and the appliance.

7. Good Oral Hygiene and habits are needed to maintain overall health of the gums and teeth, as well as a good diet.

Patient Name: _____

Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____

Guardian Signature: _____