

Canterbury District Health Board's 'new look' Community Dental Service will be launched in the Hornby area and will commence treating patients during Term Three 2010.

This is the beginning of a nation-wide upgrade of what has formerly been known as the School Dental Service. The service aim is to improve the delivery of dental care to children by giving access to regular check ups at every school, increasing prevention and awareness work with pre-schoolers and providing treatment through new up-to-date facilities.

How will it affect you and your children?

- All school age children in the Hornby area will have a regular dental check-up at their school in a Mobile Dental Unit. The Mobile Dental Unit will visit the school once a year.
- Examinations, X-rays and preventive treatment such as fissure sealants and fluoride treatments will be available at school in the Mobile Dental Unit.
- If your child requires other operative work such as fillings or extractions they will bring home a Care Plan indicating the work required. This Care Plan will also provide a phone number to call for you to arrange an appointment time when you are able to take your child to the new Hornby Community Dental Clinic as per the new delivery of care.
- Preschoolers will have their dental check up at the Hornby Community Dental Clinic. You will be contacted when your preschooler is due for a check up.

In some instances if a Dental Therapist is currently at your school in the Hornby area and if your child has had a check up, their course of care will be completed at the school. Any child that has not had a check up as of yet will be seen in the Mobile Dental Unit and any treatment required will be by appointment at the Hornby Community Dental Clinic as per our new way of delivering care.

For further information about the new facilities please visit the Community Dental Service website <http://www.cdhb.govt.nz/dentalcare/child-adolescent-oral-health-development.htm>