



9th March 2016

Dear Principal,

As a community oral health promotion initiative, the Westmead Centre for Oral Health, Special Care Dental Unit would like to introduce and implement a program that focuses on the oral health of young people attending special schools.

Smiles for Life: Oral Health Matters, is an oral health education seminar aimed at family members, teachers, nurses, carers and support staff who provide oral care to young people with special needs and challenging behaviours. It aims to highlight the impact of oral hygiene and diet on oral health, behaviour and general health, as well as provide the basic principles for identifying and managing oral diseases such as acute dental infection and dental trauma.

The program involves interactive presentations given by a Paediatric Dentist, Dietician and a team of Oral Health Therapists. This is followed by a practical hands-on workshop where participants are shown how to implement oral hygiene advice, indications for specific oral health products, and behaviour management strategies when providing oral care. There will also be a brief tour conducted of Westmead Centre for Oral Health, as we would like the facilities to become familiar to all carers of young people with special needs.

We believe parents and caregivers are the most important partners for good oral care and in the mission to reduce the high incidence of dental disease in this population. As such, we are excited to implement this program and invite them to attend this seminar.

Attached are the enrolment forms to distribute to the parents, teachers and caregivers of your school. If you require any further information about the program please contact us on 9845 7423 or by email WSLHD-SmilesForLife@health.nsw.gov.au

Thank you

Yours Sincerely,
The Smiles for Life Team





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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Westmead Centre for Oral Health- Special Care Dental Unit has a strong focus on the oral health of young people attending special schools and also believe that parents and caregivers are important partners for oral health. Therefore, we would like to invite all parents/caregivers to our oral health education seminar called "**Smiles for Life- Oral Health Matters**"

The program includes interactive presentations on:

- Oral hygiene instruction and dietary advice
- How to recognise common dental conditions
- Practical advice for providing oral care for young people
- Tour of Westmead Centre for Oral Health (including Special Care Unit, Paediatrics Department, Emergency/Acute, Clinical Support Unit, Ambulatory Surgical Unit and Radiology)

Location: Westmead Educational Block –Seminar Room 3, (Main Hospital Entrance) Corner of Darcy Road and Hawkesbury Road, Westmead.

Date: Monday, 2nd May

Time: Registration from 10am. Program runs to 2pm - Morning tea and drinks will be provided.

Please note that is program is free!

Please fill in the attached form and return by email, post or fax marked-

Attention to: Special Care Dental Unit
The Smiles for Life Team
Westmead Centre for Oral Health
PO Box 533, Wentworthville, NSW 2145.
Fax to: 9845 5740

RSVP by 22nd April 2016

Please note that this seminar is aimed at parents and caregivers and is not appropriate for children to attend.

We look forward to seeing you and if you have any queries please contact 9845 7423 or by email at WSLHD-SmilesForLife@health.nsw.gov.au

Thank you,

Yours Sincerely,
The Smiles for Life Team





Enrolment Form

**Attention: To: Special Care Dental Unit
The Smiles for Life Team
Westmead Centre for Oral Health
PO Box 533, Wentworthville, NSW 2145.
Fax to: 9845 5740**

Yes, I / We _____

will be attending the Smiles for Life

Program on 2nd May 2016.

Telephone No: _____ **Mobile No:** _____

Email: _____

Name of School your child attends: _____



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