



Dentistry First Principal Dentist Awarded Distinction in Postgraduate Clinical Dentistry Degree

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Dentistry First has announced that Principal Dentist Dr. Jason Phan has been awarded a Distinction in his postgraduate Master of Clinical Dentistry degree, a result that places him among a select group of dental practitioners in Australia who have completed advanced clinical training at an honours level.

A Distinction in a postgraduate clinical dentistry programme is not awarded on the basis of academic performance alone. Candidates are assessed across a combination of written examination, clinical case presentation, technical competency, and the application of advanced clinical reasoning to complex patient scenarios. Achieving a Distinction within this framework reflects a standard of knowledge and practical proficiency that exceeds the requirements for qualification and sits at the upper boundary of what the programme recognises.

For patients seeking complex restorative dental treatment, the grade at which a practitioner completes postgraduate training carries practical relevance. Research published in dental education literature has consistently identified a correlation between postgraduate clinical assessment outcomes and the depth of clinical reasoning applied in complex case management. Prosthodontic cases ? including full-mouth

rehabilitation, implant-supported restorations, and complex denture fabrication ? require a high degree of technical precision and the ability to manage variables across multi-stage treatment plans, disciplines in which postgraduate assessment directly measures competency.

"Completing the degree was the goal, but the result reflects how seriously we take the commitment to clinical excellence at this practice," said Dr. Jason Phan, Principal Dentist at Dentistry First. "Every patient who comes to us for complex restorative work deserves a practitioner who has not just studied the discipline but has been tested and assessed in it at the highest level."

Dentistry First is located at 1/45 First Avenue, Mooloolaba, and serves patients from across the Sunshine Coast region. The practice provides general dentistry, cosmetic procedures, and a full range of restorative treatments within a single clinic setting. Dr. Phan's postgraduate qualification and Distinction result represent an expansion in the depth of clinical expertise available to patients attending the Mooloolaba practice.

The proportion of registered dental practitioners in Australia who hold a postgraduate clinical degree remains relatively small. Fewer still complete that training while maintaining an active clinical practice, a circumstance that requires the practitioner to apply postgraduate-level study directly alongside day-to-day patient care. Achieving a Distinction under these conditions reflects not only academic capability but the sustained integration of advanced clinical knowledge into an established practice environment.

The announcement builds on a period of significant clinical development at Dentistry First. The practice has recently expanded its team with the appointment of Dr. Calvin Kundi, a graduate of Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry with extensive international clinical experience. Together with co-principal Dr. Jen Phan and Associate Dentist Dr. Nadia Qin, the clinic now operates with a four-dentist team spanning general dentistry, paediatric dentistry, prosthodontics, and cosmetic procedures.

Dentistry First operates according to six guiding clinical principles established at its founding: respecting patient needs, excellence in diagnosis, precision and thoroughness in treatment, minimum intervention, prevention over intervention, and continuous education. The Distinction result achieved by Dr. Phan reflects the sixth principle directly ? a commitment to engaging with clinical education at the highest possible standard rather than simply fulfilling its requirements.

"Continuous education is one of our founding principles, and this result is a direct expression of that," said Dr. Phan. "It is not enough to attend a programme ? the standard at which you engage with it matters, and that standard ultimately flows through to patient care."

The practice holds QIP dental practice accreditation and maintains affiliations with several major health fund networks as a preferred provider. It participates in the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Scheme and provides

services under the Australian Government Department of Veterans Affairs programme, ensuring that access to accredited dental care remains available across a broad cross-section of the Sunshine Coast community.

The Australian Dental Association recognises continuous postgraduate education as a cornerstone of clinical quality in dental practice. Dr. Phan's Distinction result aligns with this standard, providing patients and referring practitioners with a verified, assessor-confirmed measure of clinical competency in the prosthodontic discipline.

The practice uses digital radiography and advanced imaging technology across all service areas to support accurate diagnosis and precise treatment planning. Patients presenting with complex restorative needs are assessed comprehensively prior to treatment, with care pathways developed to account for both clinical requirements and individual patient circumstances.

Patients seeking further information about the restorative and prosthodontic services available at Dentistry First, or wishing to arrange a consultation with Dr. Phan, are encouraged to contact the clinic directly or visit the practice website.

For more information, visit www.dentistryfirst.com.au or contact the clinic at 07 5444 4058.

About Dentistry First: Dentistry First is a Mooloolaba-based dental clinic providing general, cosmetic, and restorative dental care to patients across the Sunshine Coast. The practice is co-led by Dr. Jason Phan and Dr. Jen Phan. Dentistry First is located at 1/45 First Avenue, Mooloolaba QLD 4557.

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Led by Dr. Jason Phan, who holds a Master of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics from King's College London, the clinic provides services such as dental check-ups, periodontal treatment, fillings, dentures, implants, and cosmetic dentistry.

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