



## From London and KL to Currambine

**I**nternationally experienced Orthodontist, Dr Kim Pang, has previously owned and operated successful private practices in both London and Kuala Lumpur. Dr Pang trained at the Eastman Dental Institute and Hospital in London, specialising in orthodontics. After obtaining his Master's Degree in Orthodontics from the University of London, he decided to relocate and practice in his hometown of Kuala Lumpur, where he was a lecturer and consultant at the University of Malaya's Dental School as well as operating his own Orthodontic practice.

Years later, Dr Pang and his wife Lian, a former dentist and now the practice's

manager, together with their two sons, decided to move to Perth to begin a new life. Dr Pang took a role as a Senior Clinical Tutor in Orthodontics at the University of Western Australia as he enjoys sharing his knowledge with post-graduate orthodontic students, allowing him to further his passion for improving the quality of orthodontic care provided to patients across WA.

At the time, Dr Pang also established a private practice in Whitfords, 20 kms north of the Perth CBD. More recently, Dr Pang wanted to expand the reach of his Whitfords practice to ensure that he was catering for the growing population in the Northern suburbs of Perth by establishing a second practice 10kms away in Currambine.

Medifit's Managing Director, Sam Koranis had been dealing with Dr Pang and his wife since 2010 when they first looked for advice and solutions from a local and trusted design and fit-out company in Western Australia that could help with both design and construction.

"Kim and Lian came to us with a property to look at in Currambine and a clear idea of what they wanted for their practice," Mr Koranis said, "and our team was able to immediately advise them on the suitability of the property. We came up with a detailed feasibility study and site assessment addressing the brief within the site parameters. The final result was a practical, functional and aesthetically pleasing design."



3D renderings of the practice in the conceptual stage.

The wish list for the new practice was to incorporate a reception desk for two staff including a self-check-in point, waiting room for 10-12 patients, practice manager's office, records' store, two private consult rooms, storeroom, disabled toilet, staff room, lab, centrally located sterilisation room, an open plan treatment area accommodating four chairs and ortho "pods" and a brush station for two.



After a couple of meetings and discussions, the project moved forward and the Medifit design team were briefed to create a modern environment that had elements of fun. It was to be fresh, light, with bright colour accents to appeal to a wide range of patients, the majority being teenagers. "For this reason, a neutral palette, dark timber with a pop of orange was incorporated," said Medifit's Interior Design Manager, Lynda Mills.



“The corporate logo for the practice uses both white and orange. We decided to introduce orange accents to the loose furniture by powder coating the frames, orange vinyl to the windows and orange acrylic screens to construct the divisional feature in the treatment area. Upon entry, the client’s focus is immediately drawn to the feature timber panel wall behind reception with the bright smiling logo mounted at eye level.”

The reception counter is minimal with a crisp finish combining white Corian and laminates which provide a contrast to the darker timber backdrop and darker flooring. The warm timber tones are carried throughout the interior and form part

of the overheads framing the white cupboard doors. These are further complimented in the treatment area with a warm brown wall colour.

Ms Pang, now Currambine Orthodontics’ Practice Manager, said “The design was well thought out and is aesthetically pleasing. Medifit fully met our brief and the use of colours was spot on. Medifit enhanced the practice design with their unique skill set and experience and added considerable value to the final result. The use of divisional screens in the main treatment area was very clever! When our eldest son said the 3D mock-ups looked really cool, we knew we were on the right track”.



## Summary

### The Practice

Practice Name	Currambine Orthodontics
Principal	Dr Kim Pang
Practice Type	Specialist Orthodontic
Location	Currambine, Perth, Western Australia
Size	158 square metres
No of chairs	4

### The Team

Design	Medifit Design & Construction
Construction	Medifit Design & Construction
Joinery	Medifit Design & Construction
Project Manager	Medifit Design & Construction

### Equipment

Dental Units	Fimet F1
Sterilisation	W&H Lisa, Coltene Biosonic UC125
Compressor	Nardi
Suction	DMega
Software:	CS OrthoTrac

The treatment area features a lighter neutral sheet vinyl to create a more clinical feel and give the appearance of space in a shared area. The staff area is located towards the rear of the practice allowing the team to feel as though they are away from the daily working areas of the practice which in turn offers some privacy. The area includes a functional kitchen.

“We are very pleased with the outcome,” Dr Pang said. “There was always a project manager on site at all times to help us with our queries. This approach is unique to Medifit which ultimately leads to great outcomes. Medifit anticipated issues such as noise from the adjoining business and recommended modifications to the design to ensure that the practice had minimal noise levels which was very important to us.

“We have had lots of lovely comments about how pleasing the practice is to look at and what a pleasure it is to receive treatment in such great surroundings. We wish to thank Medifit for their collective creativity and hard work ethic with the Currambine project. It went really well. Medifit were on time and on budget and we appreciated all their help. We would highly recommend Medifit as the entire project journey was smooth and efficient; the quality second to none. Their extensive design process fully met our brief and exceeded our expectations. They thought of things that we did not think of which led to a final outcome that was flawless.”

Mr Koranis said “Kim and Lian were a pleasure to deal with throughout the entire design and fit-out process. Their clear vision for the practice was well communicated which allowed us to create a practice that will ensure future growth will be possible without future expansion being required. Kim and Lian also stated that if they undertake further expansion in the future they would definitely utilise Medifit’s services again. This is the best accolade that we can receive and we thank them both!”

