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LOOKING GOOD: Orthodontist John Cameron checks out Cheyenne Drummond's teeth. Picture: MARK BRAKE

This super smile is free

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WHILE money cannot buy happiness, it can put a decent smile on a teenager's face - once \$8000 braces come off.

Cheyenne Drummond's mother, Tracey, also is smiling.

Cheyenne's costly treatment was donated by the Australian Society of Orthodontists, which has taken on more than 700 free cases around the coun-

try since 2005. The society's charitable arm selects patients who are on public waiting lists and cannot afford expensive treatment.

Cheyenne, 16, of Wynn Vale, was on the Adelaide Dental Hospital waiting list when referred to the Give a Smile program two years ago.

"No more buck teeth," she said after a checkup with orthodontist John Cameron

at Modbury yesterday. Her mum was required to make a co-payment to the Give a Smile Trust but that was only a fraction of the service's value.

"She had been almost a year on the waiting list and probably had another to wait," Mrs Drummond said.

Dr Cameron has taken on four free patients since the program began. "It's a personal decision to help

patients on the public waiting list have their orthodontic treatment earlier," he said.

The SA Government has made significant cuts to its orthodontic waiting list. "These improvements in access to orthodontic treatment for low-income earners have been achieved by more effective targeting of patients with more severe needs," says Adelaide Health Service.