



**MISSION 1: AUGUST - DECEMBER**  
**MISSION 2: FEBRUARY - JUNE**

## WHAT IS IT?

The Connecting Minds Project is a flexible, purpose driven education program that focuses on networking, problem solving and cutting-edge space Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) research.

Australian and UAE educators will partner and work cooperatively on their 'space mission' with groups of students in their respective schools.

Their innovative collaborations and initiatives will be targeted at skill development, building global networks and cultural understanding.

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The main aim of The Connecting Minds project is to build STEM skills capability and capacity of students across countries to improve the global uptake of space and high-tech STEM careers.

This process will encourage diversity, tolerance, problem solving, critical and creative thinking, innovation, team building and cooperation in the workforce of tomorrow.

## MISSION CONTROL

Individualised support and guidance for each project will be provided by The Connecting Minds Project team from One Giant Leap Australia.

After selection and teaming with another international school, the teams will undertake a three stage process:



### STAGE 1 – BLAST OFF

*Introductions, ideation and planning*



### STAGE 2 – IN ORBIT

*Implementation and documentation*



### STAGE 3 – RE-ENTRY

*Project completion, showcase and evaluation*

## MISSION OPERATIONS

### WHAT ELSE IS INCLUDED?

The program will include 5 teleconferences from global space industry professionals such as astronauts, scientists, engineers and flight directors.

### WHAT ABOUT HOLIDAYS OR OUR CURRICULUM?

Provision in each session will be made for educational and local requirements such as holidays, exams and curriculum based activities.

### WHO CAN BE INVOLVED?

All UAE or Australian schools from Elementary/Primary through to High School.

### HOW DO I FIND MORE INFORMATION OR SIGN UP?

Details of the pilot program and an Expression of Interest submission form can be found [here](#)