

WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THE WATTLE?

Golden Wattle (Acacia Pycnantha) is the national floral emblem of Australia. One Giant Leap Australia had the opportunity to send wattle seeds to the International Space Station for 6 months. A number of schools, space agencies, embassies and community groups have been selected to grow the Golden Wattle seeds that have been to space and compare them to the ones that stayed on Earth but are from the same seed lot.

Objectives

- Investigate the effect of microgravity on plant growth and germination in comparison to their counterparts on Earth.
- Encourage scientific research between students, schools, universities, and space agencies across
- Promote environmental and microgravity science.
- Develop interest and skills in scientific space experiments and methodology.
- Inspire further research for students and academics both nationally and internationally.

Audience

Participants are from preschools, community groups, schools, and university researchers.

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