Awakeri School is a Full Primary School—years 1 to 8. By the end of year 8 our students are very well prepared for high school. Awakeri students have the reputation of being excellent learners and positive contributors which means high schools are keen to get our students. A high percentage of our students go on to win accolades at high school.

Leadership opportunities

We have specific leadership roles for year 7s and 8s. Our students have the chance to be house leaders, bus monitors, assembly leaders, website monitors, wet weather monitors and physical education monitors.

With the wide range of ages at Awakeri School it gives our senior students the opportunities to use their skills to teach and help others e.g. specific reading programmes like Cross Age Tutoring—across the board things like buddy reading. This also gives our senior students the chance to be the ‘big’ people and be role models. Awakeri school has the feeling of being a family as witnessed by the large number of ex-pupils who came back to support school events like Ag Day, production, prize giving.
What does Awakeri School offer Year 7 & 8 students?

Academic opportunities

Since all students at Awakeri have to participate in activities like science fair they all have the expectation that they will achieve. Awakeri students achieve well across the many curriculum areas e.g. our maths results are well above the national average. Awakeri is labelled as a high achieving school. Extra extension programmes are delivered to a good variety of students, these include movie making, video editing, genius hour, organising special events like school Olympics, maths celebration days. All students are taught two extra languages.

Awakeri School has entered teams into the Kids Literacy competition over the last 7 years and have been regional champions 4 times, national champions twice and world champions once.

Sporting

Awakeri participates in interschool, EBOP and BOP competitions and tournaments in athletics, cross country, soccer, hockey, rugby, netball, swimming, AIMS games cross country. We also have active football, netball and hockey clubs. Many of our students play rugby for surrounding clubs with several selected to represent teams in the Tai Mitchell tournament.

Culture

Cultural opportunities—our two yearly marae stays are special and help our students to feel comfortable in different cultural settings. Our kapa haka reaches large numbers each year, with many students participating being pakeha it shows how keen our students are to embrace cultural experiences and also to perform on stage.
Technology

Specialist technology at Edgecumbe College is a very high quality and is in high demand with other local schools trying to get their students into their programme. Our students go by bus to tech one day per week for half of the year, they bring their creations home every three weeks, so it is very hands on.

Performing Arts

We have the annual musical production which has compulsory participation, large numbers of students audition for speaking parts and all others are allocated either a part in the production or a role back stage setting up and helping with props between sets.

Overseas exchange

Awakeri School has a long standing relationship with Wellington Primary in Singapore. Students, parents and teachers from both schools have visited each other on several occasions. Every second year Awakeri Students in Yr. 7 & 8 travel to Singapore and spend time at Wellington School in the classrooms and have home stays with a family from the school. This is a valuable and fun way to experience and share other cultures and to build confidence in a very different environment.

Students and their families fundraise hard in the year leading up to the trip, the majority of the expenses are raised, removing any financial barrier and opening the experience for any of our students.

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