

# Behaviour Management Skills for Teachers

## Coat of Many Pockets Managing classroom interactions

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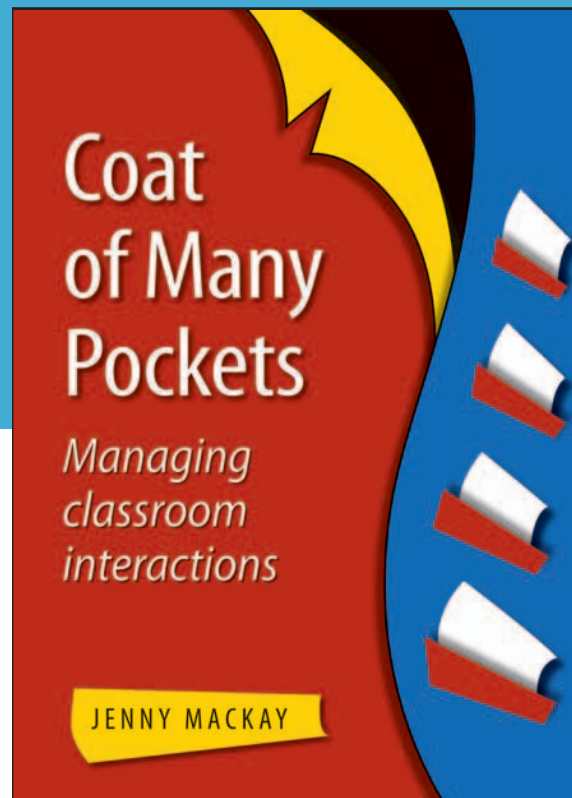
Coat of Many Pockets: Managing classroom interactions is intended for beginning and returning teachers as well as educators wanting to enhance their behaviour management skills. Based on a synthesis of major behaviour management thinkers, the book is a handbook for understanding the aims and developing the practical techniques involved in managing individuals and groups in the classroom.

Coat of Many Pockets shows teachers how to replace their customary reactions to difficult behaviour with skilled responses that 'contain' the behaviour while engaging the student. The reader will learn practical social, emotional and cognitive responses to any challenging or confronting behaviour.

Engagement, containment and consequences replace discipline in this book. Its underlying ethos is that students should be allowed to develop within boundaries that enhance their individuation.

This book helps teachers:

- be proactive through planning for behaviour rather than reacting to situations as they arise in the classroom,
- understand the skills to effectively manage student behaviour,
- work from a positive, rather than negative mind-set, and apply an approach that is constructive and which enables students to take responsibility for their own behaviour,
- see their role in managing behaviour in the classroom as an extension of their teaching rather than one of controlling and policing students, and
- realise the impact an effective behaviour manager/teacher has on a student's ability to learn and achieve in class.



"All I do is slip on my 'coat'. It keeps me safe, it gives me that extra confidence. When I face a situation in class - students playing up - I just slip out a skill from one of the many pockets in my coat and I deal with it. I manage the situation, the behaviour and everyone can get on with their work".

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Classroom Management: Behaviour and Discipline Management for the Classroom Teacher: Turning Behaviour Around. Jenny Mackay will be conducting an ongoing series of workshops at ACER.

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