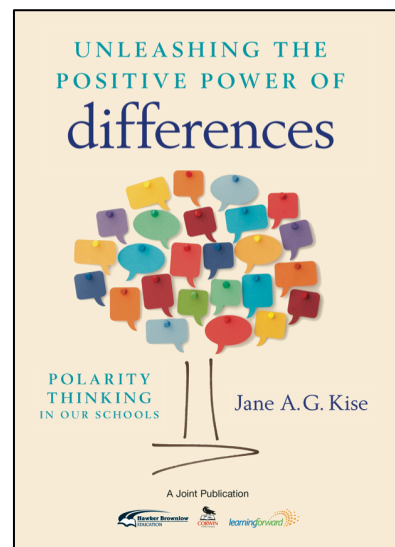


# Unleashing the Positive Power of Differences: Polarity Thinking in Our Schools

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## Summary:

All too often, key education initiatives collapse because leaders fail to anticipate and learn from the concerns of those charged with implementation. *Unleashing the Positive Power of Differences* shows how education leaders can bring opposing groups to common ground, resulting in a solid plan built on diverse wisdom.

In this revised Australian edition of her illuminating book, acclaimed education coach Jane Kise demonstrates how polarity thinking – a powerful tool for bridging differences developed by Barry Johnson of Polarity Partnerships – provides an alternative to endless debates and either/or thinking. Rather than seeing conflicting forces, the strategies presented in *Unleashing the Positive Power of Differences* help us to perceive equally important – even interdependent – concepts, approaches or models. Readers will find

- ways to recognise polarities, map the positive and negative aspects and channel energy wasted on disagreement toward a greater common purpose
- tools for introducing and working with polarities
- polarity mapping to help leaders improve processes for leading change and creating buy-in
- ways to use polarity with students as a framework for higher-level thinking

## Supporting Resources:

- *Be a CHANGEMASTER: 12 Coaching Strategies for Leading Professional and Personal Change* (CO3832)
- *Creating Dynamic Schools Through Mentoring, Coaching and Collaboration* (103021)
- *Differentiated Coaching: A Framework for Helping Teachers Change* (CO1021)
- *Leadership Coaching for Educators: Bringing Out the Best in School Administrators* (CO3070)
- *Differentiated School Leadership* (CO2646)
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