VCE Chinese Language, Culture
and Society
Prescribed Texts 2025 to 2026

**The following texts proposed by the Text Advisory Panel have been approved by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) as suitable for study in Units 3 and 4 Chinese Language, Culture and Society in 2025 and 2026.**

Unit 3

Area of Study 1 – Chinese philosophies and their impact on Chinese society

Wang, L (dir.) 2019, *The Farewell* [motion picture], Roadshow

Hedges, P 2010, ‘China’, in RD Hecht and VF Biondo (eds.), *Religion and Everyday Life and Culture, Volume 1,* Praeger Publishers, pp. 45–82

Yu, C 2021, ‘Ancestors and demons: a brief history of Chinese religion’ [podcast], *Chinese Whispers*,
7 September, Apple Podcasts

Unit 4

Area of Study 1 – Social and economic development of contemporary China

Fan, L (dir.) 2009, *Last Train Home* [documentary], Zeitgeist Films

Dychtwald, Z 2018, *Young China: How the Restless Generation Will Change Their Country and the World*, St. Martin's Press

**Prescribed chapters:** Chapters 2, 3 and 7

Suggested background reading

Ostrowski, P, Penner, G and Christensen, B 2022, *It's All Chinese to Me*, Tuttle Publishing

**Suggested chapters:** Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Mitter, R 2016, *Modern China: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford University Press