VCE Texts and Traditions
2023 Set texts, passages for
special study and themes

The following are the prescribed texts for 2023. Students may choose to study one of the following texts:

* The books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel
* The Gospel according to Luke
* The Gospel according to John
* The Qur’an.

The set texts, passages for special study and themes for 2023 are set out below.

The books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel

Using the Jewish Publication Society (JPS) (1999) translation of the Hebrew–English Tanakh

Set chapters

Jeremiah: 1; 2; 3; 4; 7; 8; 11; 13; 25; 29; 30; 31; 33; 50

Ezekiel: 2; 3; 4; 12; 15; 16:1–22; 17; 18; 22; 23; 30; 33; 34; 35; 37

Passages for special study

Jeremiah: 2; 8; 13; 31

Ezekiel: 3; 16:1–22; 23; 37

Themes

* the consequences of obedience and disobedience
* exile and redemption
* Israel and the Foreign Nations
* Israel’s rebelliousness
* Israel’s relationship with God
* messianic hope and visions of Israel’s restoration
* the missions of the prophets
* the redeeming power of repentance

The Gospel according to Luke

Using the New Revised Standard Version updated edition (NRSVue) translation of the Bible

Set text

The Gospel according to Luke

Passages for special study

1; 4:14–30; 6; 9:18–36; 14; 19; 23; 24:44–53

Themes

* discipleship
* faith
* the identity of Jesus
* the kingdom of God
* prophecy and fulfilment
* table fellowship
* universal salvation
* women

The Gospel according to John

Using the New Revised Standard Version updated edition (NRSVue) translation of the Bible

Set text

The Gospel according to John

Passages for special study

1:1–18; 4; 5; 11; 12; 15; 17

Themes

* faith
* discipleship and mission
* the identity and nature of Jesus
* the Father–Son relationship
* the Hour and the glory
* unbelief, conflict and the world’s hatred
* women
* worship and the Sabbath

The Qur’an

Using the *English Translation of the Meaning of Al-Qur’an* by Muhammad Farooq-i-Azam Malik

Set text

Ã’lay Imrãn (3); An-Nisã’ (4); Al-furqãn (25); Luqmãn (31); Al-Qamar (54); Al-Hãqqah (69); Al-Qiyãmah (75)

Passages for special study

Ã’lay Imrãn (3:33–68); An-Nisã’ (4:1–25); Al-furqãn (25)

Themes

* etiquettes, moral values and obedience
* monotheism (*Tawhïd*) and the nature of God
* qualities of believers
* repentance, forgiveness and righteousness
* signs of Allah’s creation
* the mission of Muhammad
* the notion of justice and the Hereafter
* the Qur’an as a Book of revelation and guidance