VCE Philosophy

Prescribed texts for 2017

The following texts are prescribed for the VCE Philosophy study design and are referred to in the study design as set texts. Please note that these are the same prescribed texts as those prescribed for 2016.

The editions listed below will be used by the examination setting panel in setting the 2017 VCE Philosophy examination. Teachers need to ensure that students are familiar with these editions. The prescribed texts can be sourced from major booksellers, including online and academic booksellers, or directly from the publisher. Note that *The Nature of Mind and Other Essays* is out of print. Copies of Armstrong’s essay 'The Nature of Mind' can be obtained from the VCAA and have been reproduced for educational purposes with the permission of the publishers.

Unit 3 – Minds, bodies and persons

**Area of Study 1 – Minds and bodies**


**Area of Study 2 – Personal identity**


Hume D 1986, A Treatise of Human Nature, Book 1, Part IV, Section 6, two extracts: pp. 299–304 ‘There are some philosophers … and are apt to imagine, that ‘tis nothing but a continu’d survey of the same object’; and pp. 306–311 ‘We now proceed to explain the nature of personal identity … and to proceed in the accurate anatomy of human nature, having fully explain’d the nature of our judgement and understanding’, Penguin Classics, Penguin (ISBN 978-0-140-43244-2).


Unit 4 – The good life

**Area of Study 1 – Conceptions of the good life**


