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Finger vein technology used to track attendance

SCHOOL SCANS 200 STUDENTS

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A WODONGA school has collected the biometric finger vein data from more than 200 students without parental permission over the past two weeks.

Victory Lutheran College

was scanning students' fingers in order to track attendance.

Principal Cain McDonald yesterday said it was a mistake to scan students without parental consent and suspended the program.

But he said the school still

believed in the technology and planned to use it after parental consultation.

"I think it was a mistake and we apologise for any anxiety that it's caused," Mr McDonald said.

"We have withdrawn the technology at this stage and

are addressing the parental concerns that have been raised.

"I would hope it's up and running at some stage in the future."

Victory Lutheran College parents learnt of the new system in the school newsletter

on Wednesday but by that time 200 year 6 to 12 students had been processed.

Mr McDonald said finger vein readers offered a more efficient way to process late-comers.

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