

# Facebook conversation 'got out of control'

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The 16-year-old was released and no charges were laid.

Sgt. Brian Carr of Halton Police said it was a case of, "some kids taking information and perhaps overreacting."

"It was miscommunication and Facebook conversation got a little out of control and people overreacted. There's no pinpointing where it started or where it ended," said Carr. "I applaud the school for the action it took."

Christ the King principal David DeSantis said, as principal, it is his role to act in absence of parents.

"I'm going to do everything I can to err on the side of caution, to protect the safety of our students and staff," he said.

During the lockdown, students were locked in classrooms, hid under desks and at the back of the rooms with lights turned off while officers— with the aid of a police dog— searched the school for the suspect, who police said Tuesday was a former student.

Students and teachers wait-

ed on the sidewalk outside the school to be let back in, eager to hear what was going on.

In the meantime, the suspect was arrested on Guelph St., and later released without charges.

The lockdown— a process that's part of a partnership between both Halton School Boards and police to ensure the safety of students and staff— was lifted about 11:40 a.m.

"It was scary, we weren't sure if it was real or not," said student Jenna Edwards, who was in a portable when the lockdown announcement was made over the school PA system.

"Everyone was freaking out," said student Tamera Chevalier, who was in the cafeteria during lunch hour. "I was scared."

She said the students all had to crowd into the cafeteria's serv-ery area and try to be quiet.

DeSantis said this was the first lockdown at the school, although drills are held every semester.

He said there were no major glitches in how it was dealt with, but admits "it (lunchtime) was the worst possible time."



Students from Christ the King Secondary School file back into the school late Tuesday morning following a brief lockdown at the school following reports of a teen wielding a knife inside the building. Halton Police now say the incident never happened and that some students overreacted to a conversation on Facebook.

Photos by Ted Brown

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